

Area: Area 1

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679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-140		Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-170		Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-180		Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-270		Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-330		Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-340		Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-350		Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-360		Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-370		Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-380		Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-390		Manual	
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Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-010		Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-020		Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-070		Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-080		Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-110		Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-120		Manual	

Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	0	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	0	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	0	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	0	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0	Manual	
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679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	0	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	0	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	0	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	0	Manual	
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679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	0	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0	Manual	
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679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0	Manual	

Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	0	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	0	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	0	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	0	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	0	Manual	
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679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	0	Manual	
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679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	0	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	0	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	0	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	0	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	0	Manual	
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679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	0	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	0	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	0	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	0	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	0	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0	Manual	

Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	7070	Manual	
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679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	4375	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	4570	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	4470	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	5620	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	8090	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	2110	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	1105	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	2540.05	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	2550	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	5510	Manual	
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679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	9900	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	5110	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	9850	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	4830	Manual	
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679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	820	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	659.5	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	786	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	1250	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	609	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	2900	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	5020	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	5460	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	1670	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	14300	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	3550	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	2
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$2,000.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1					
X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	TW01-01	0.0102	Manual	T
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679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	0.00105	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	0.0625	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	0.0168	Manual	T
679286.9817	3083255.2625	J-42SD	0.001	Random	

Area: Area 3					
X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	0.001	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	0.001	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	0.001025	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	0.001	Manual	T

679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	0.001	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	0.001	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	TW01-34	0.001	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	0.001	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	TW01-36	0.001	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	TW01-37	0.001	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	0.001	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	0.001	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	0.001	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	0.001	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability ($1-\beta$) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} (Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2 + 0.5Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n is the number of samples,
- S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is $1-\alpha$,
- $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is $1-\beta$.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

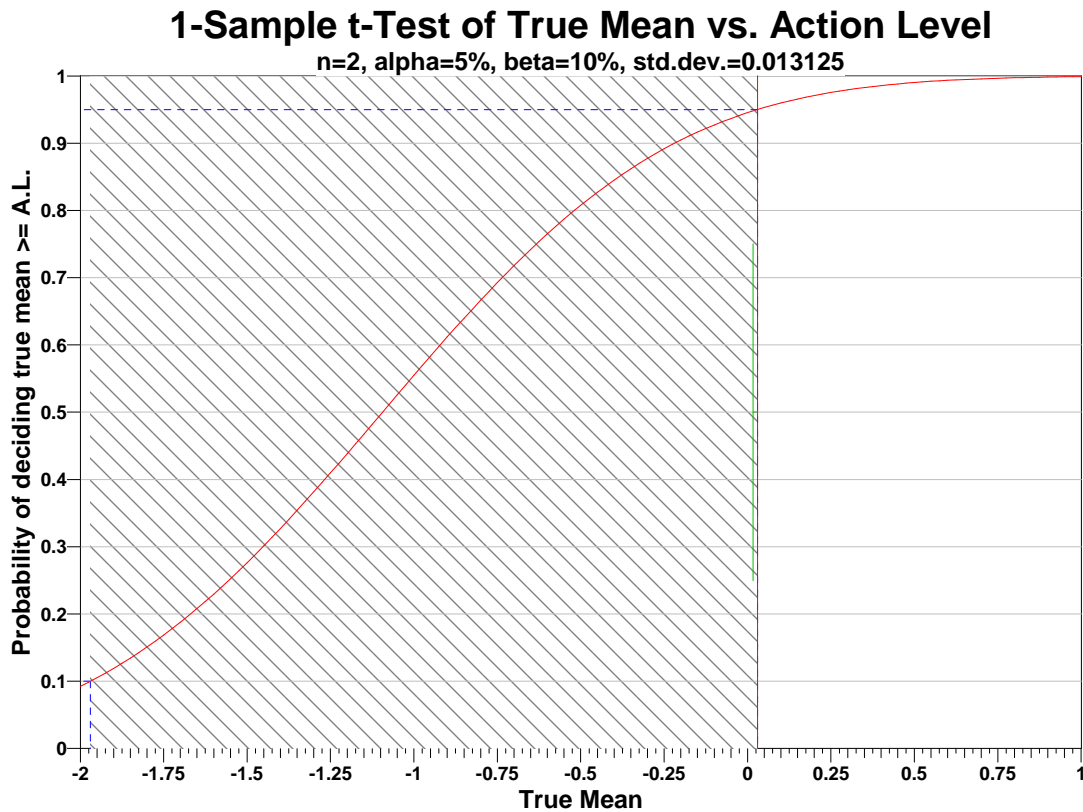
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	2	0.013125	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α .

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β .

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at $1-\alpha$ on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at $1-\alpha$. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=0.03		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=0.02625	s=0.013125	s=0.02625	s=0.013125	s=0.02625	s=0.013125
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	830	209	657	165	551	139
	$\beta=10$	658	166	504	127	412	104
	$\beta=15$	552	139	413	104	330	83
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	209	54	165	42	139	35
	$\beta=10$	166	43	127	33	104	27
	$\beta=15$	139	36	104	27	83	22
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	94	25	74	20	62	16
	$\beta=10$	75	20	57	15	47	12
	$\beta=15$	63	17	47	13	38	10

s = Standard Deviation
LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$2,000.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$1,000.00. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	2 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$200.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$2,000.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
10	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001025	0.00105	0.00105	0.00105
20	0.0102	0.0168	0.0625							

SUMMARY STATISTICS

n				23				
Min				0.001				
Max				0.0625				
Range				0.0615				
Mean				0.0047685				
Median				0.001				
Variance				0.00017227				
StdDev				0.013125				
Std Error				0.0027368				
Skewness				4.2551				
Interquartile Range				5e-005				
Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.00105	0.01416	0.05336	0.0625

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic does not exceed the critical value, so the test cannot reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 0.001 is not an outlier at the 5% significance level.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.3359
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 0.001, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

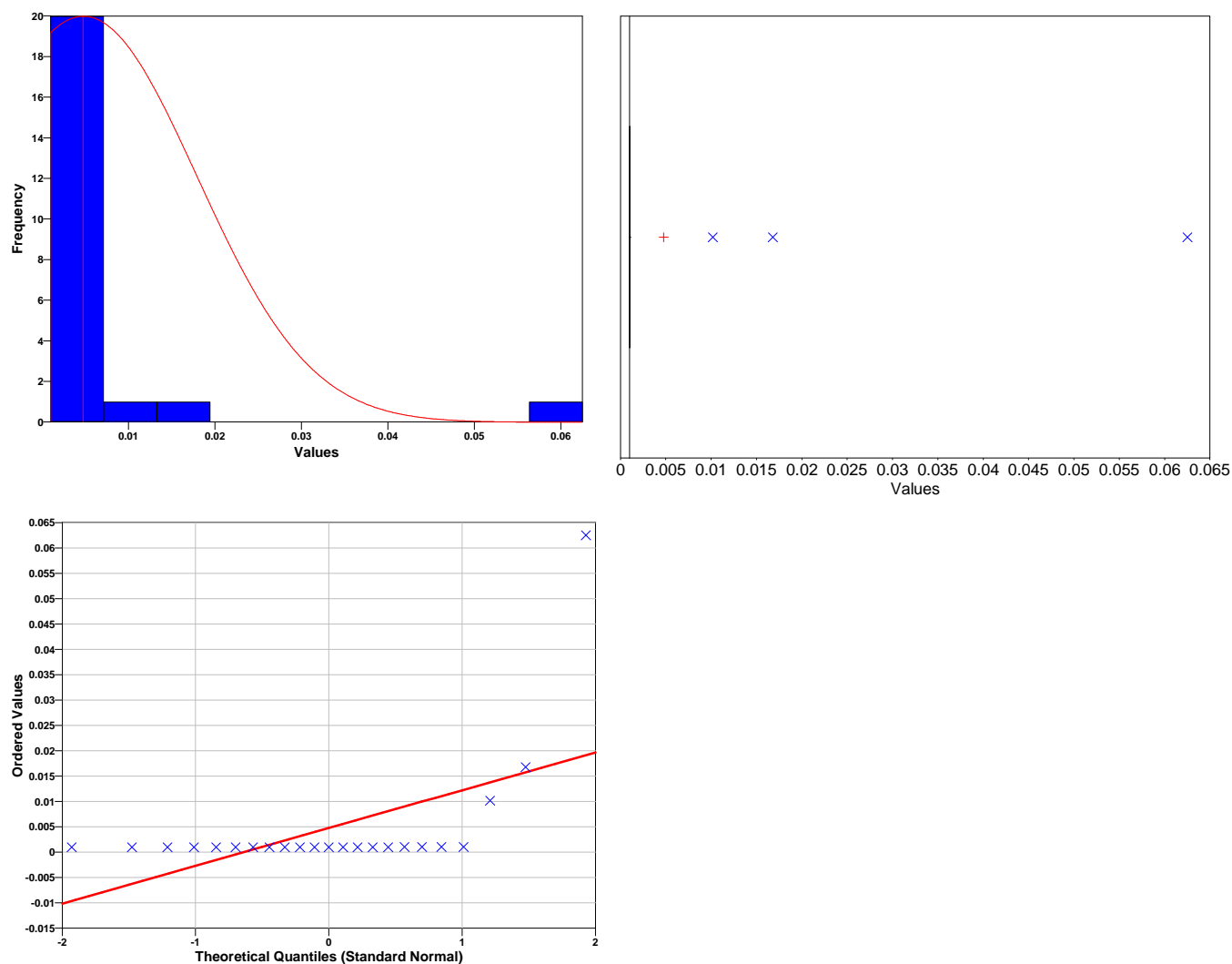
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data “bins.” A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each

bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.3281
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.914

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.009468
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.0167

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.0167) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=23 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (0.03),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=22 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-9.2194	1.7171	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
22	15	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	0.001		Manual
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	0.001		Manual
679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-130	0.001		Manual
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-140	0.001		Manual
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-170	0.001025		Manual
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-180	0.001		Manual
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-270	0.001		Manual
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-330	0.001		Manual
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-340	0.001		Manual
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-350	0.001		Manual
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-360	0.001		Manual
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-370	0.001		Manual
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-380	0.001		Manual
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-390	0.001		Manual
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-400	0.001		Manual
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-410	0.001		Manual

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-010	0.0102		Manual
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-020	0.00105		Manual
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-070	0.00105		Manual
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-080	0.00105		Manual
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-110	0.0625		Manual
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-120	0.0168		Manual

Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	43	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	100	Manual	
679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-13	43	Manual	
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-14	91.1	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-17	43	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-18	4280	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-27	43	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-33	43	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-34	113	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-35	43	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-36	43	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-37	43	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-38	43	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-39	113	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-40	777	Manual	
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-41	43	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-01	1630	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-02	372	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-07	709	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-08	680	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-11	354	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-12	558	Manual	

Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	5880	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	3640	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	1130	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	3510	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	1760	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	915	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	648	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	1960	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	4180	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	790	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	13800	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	2800	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	4660	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	9150	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	3630	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	1770	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	1390	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	2460	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	1240	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	1830	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	2140	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	7640	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	8450	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	3310	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	1160	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	1495	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	2480	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	1200	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	7690	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	2250	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	747	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	959	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	6880	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	11400	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	10900	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	858	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	1090	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	1110	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	748	Manual	

Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	2590	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	2710	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	1440	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	3680	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	7070	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	3030	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	4375	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	4570	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	4470	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	5620	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	8090	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	2110	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	1105	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	2540.05	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	2550	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	5510	Manual	
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679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	7830	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	6190	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	9900	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	5110	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	9850	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	4830	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	2030	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	5420	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	3010	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	820	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	659.5	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	786	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	1250	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	609	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	2900	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	5020	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	5460	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	1670	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	14300	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	3550	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

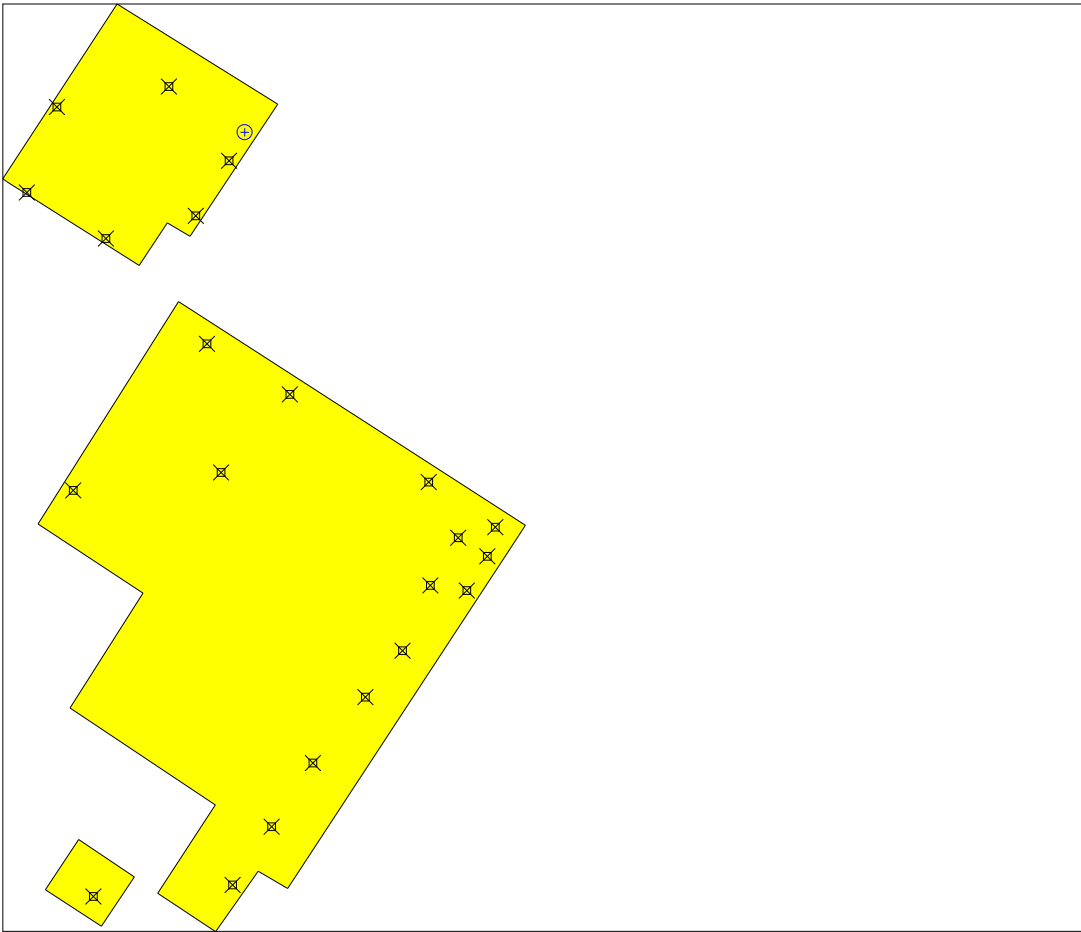
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	3
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$2,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	TW01-01	1630	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	TW01-02	372	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	TW01-07	709	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	680	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	354	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	558	Manual	T
679316.5522	3083281.7965	J-42SD	43	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	43	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	100	Manual	T
679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	43	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	91.1	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	43	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	4280	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	43	Manual	T

679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	43	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	TW01-34	113	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	43	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	TW01-36	43	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	TW01-37	43	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	43	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	113	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	777	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	43	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability ($1-\beta$) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} (Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n is the number of samples,
- S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is $1-\alpha$,
- $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is $1-\beta$.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

Analyte	n	Parameter
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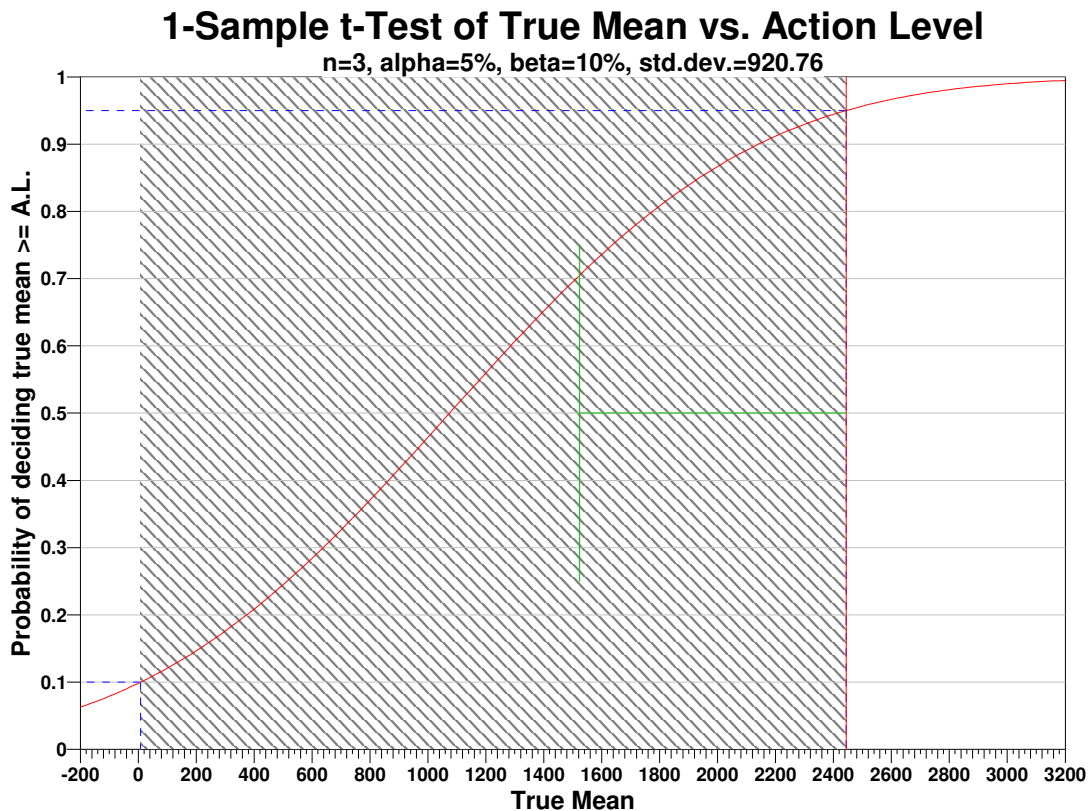
S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$	
3	920.76	2436.2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α .

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β .

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at $1-\alpha$ on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at $1-\alpha$. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability

of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=2444.2		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=1841.52	s=920.76	s=1841.52	s=920.76	s=1841.52	s=920.76
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	616	155	487	123	409	103
	$\beta=10$	488	123	374	95	306	77
	$\beta=15$	410	104	306	78	245	62
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	155	40	123	32	103	27
	$\beta=10$	123	32	95	25	77	20
	$\beta=15$	104	27	78	20	62	16
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	70	19	55	15	46	12
	$\beta=10$	56	15	43	12	35	10
	$\beta=15$	47	13	35	10	28	8

s = Standard Deviation
LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$2,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$833.33. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	3 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$300.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$2,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
10	43	43	91.1	100	113	113	354	372	558	680
20	709	777	1630	4280						

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	24

Min				0				
Max				4280				
Range				4280				
Mean				427.09				
Median				67.05				
Variance				8.1764e+005				
StdDev				904.23				
Std Error				184.58				
Skewness				3.7327				
Interquartile Range				468.5				
Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	10.75	43	43	67.05	511.5	1204	3618	4280

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0.055341
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic does not exceed the critical value, so the test cannot reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 0 is not an outlier at the 5% significance level.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.4994
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 0, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

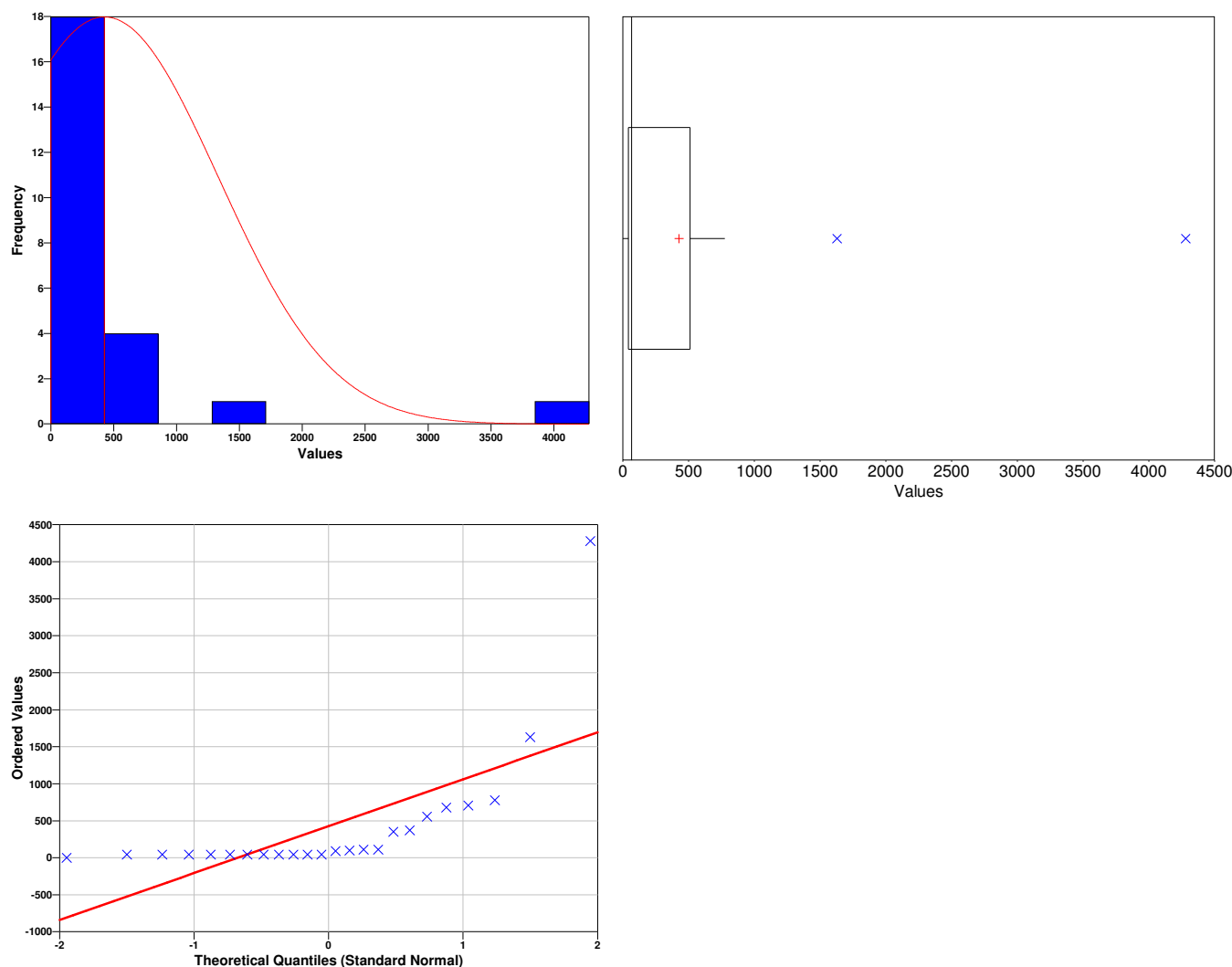
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally

distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was

conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.4854
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.916

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	743.4
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	1232

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (1232) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=24 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (2444.2),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=23 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-10.928	1.7139	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
23	16	Reject

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Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

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The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

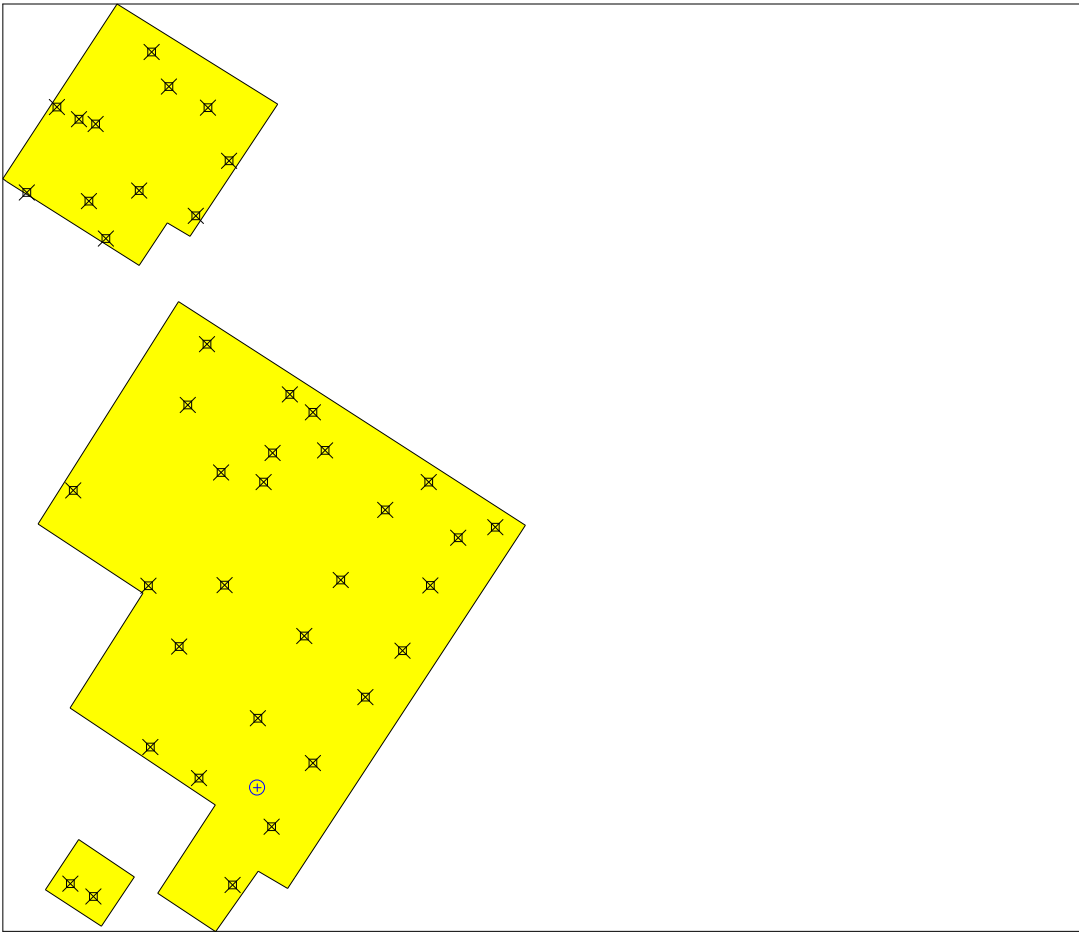
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	4
Number of samples on map ^a	42
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$3,000.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



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679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	1110	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	748	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	1760	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	915	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	648	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	1960	Manual	T
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679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	3630	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	1770	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	1390	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	2460	Manual	T
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679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	1830	Manual	T
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679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	3310	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	1160	Manual	T
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679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	2480	Manual	T
679328.5397	3082643.5206		0	Random	

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples

are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n* is the number of samples,
- S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
- $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	4	3329.4	6513.2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

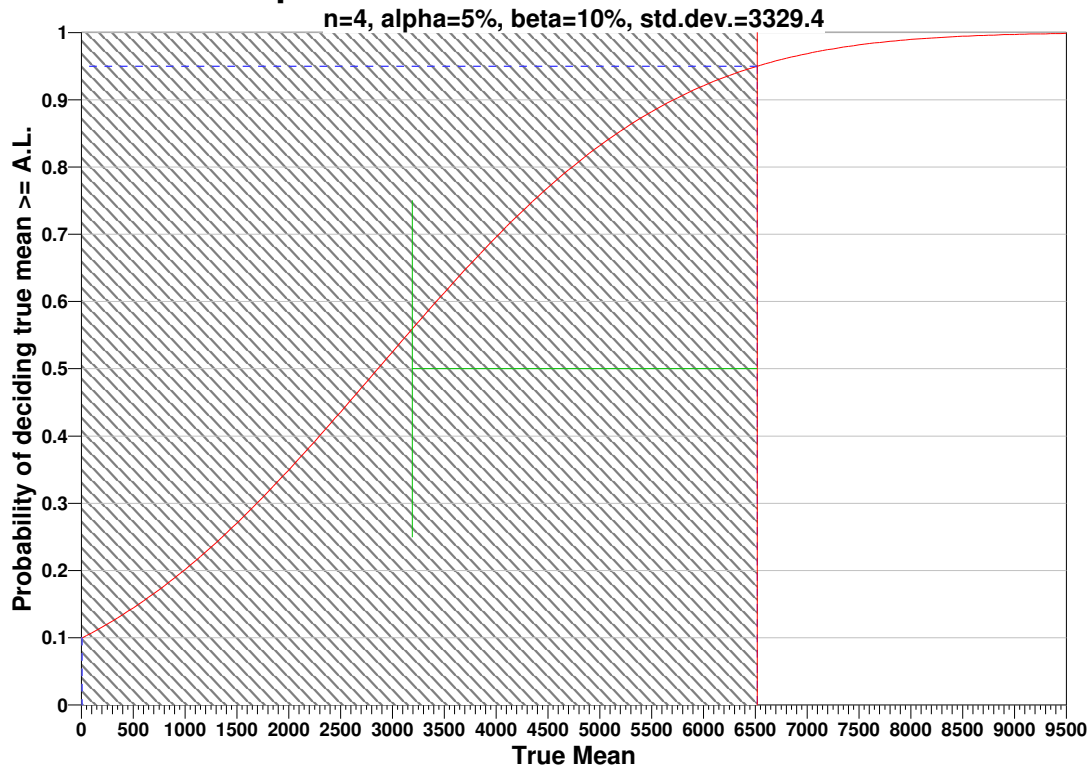
^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=6521.2		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6658.8	s=3329.4	s=6658.8	s=3329.4	s=6658.8	s=3329.4
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	1130	284	894	225	751	188
	$\beta=10$	895	225	686	173	561	141
	$\beta=15$	751	189	562	141	449	113
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	284	72	225	57	188	48
	$\beta=10$	225	58	173	44	141	36
	$\beta=15$	189	49	141	36	113	29
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	127	33	101	26	84	22

β=10	101	27	77	20	63	17
β=15	85	23	64	17	51	13

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that μ > action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that μ < action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$3,000.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$750.00. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	4 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$400.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,600.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$3,000.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	648	747	748	790	858	915	917	959	1090
10	1110	1130	1160	1200	1240	1390	1495	1760	1770	1830
20	1960	2140	2250	2460	2480	2800	3310	3510	3630	3640
30	4180	4660	5140	5140	5880	6880	7640	7690	8450	9150
40	1.09e+004	1.14e+004	1.38e+004							

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	43
Min	0
Max	13800
Range	13800
Mean	3508.1
Median	2140
Variance	1.1121e+007
StdDev	3334.8
Std Error	508.56
Skewness	1.4617
Interquartile Range	4030

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	667.8	764.8	1110	2140	5140	8870	1.13e+004	1.38e+004

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	3.066	3.06	Yes

The test statistic 3.066 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	13800

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8126
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.941

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

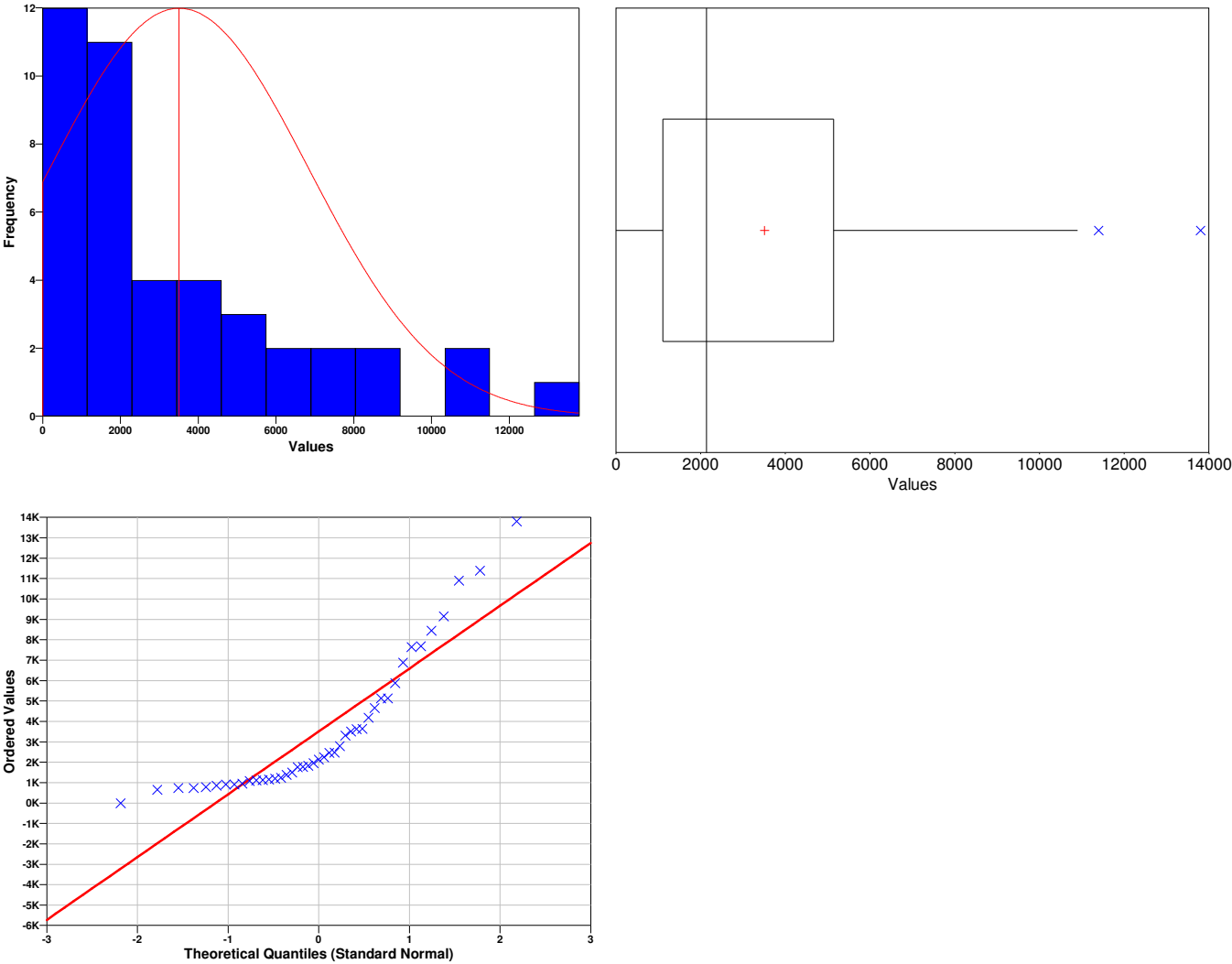
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

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times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

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NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.816
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

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Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	4363
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	5725

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (5725) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

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A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=43 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (6521.2),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=42 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-5.9249	1.682	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
35	27	Reject

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SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	7
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$4,500.00

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679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	14300	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	3550	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	2590	Manual	T
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679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	9900	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	5110	Manual	T
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679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	5420	Manual	T
679445.8435	3082826.2860		0	Random	

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- where
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 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

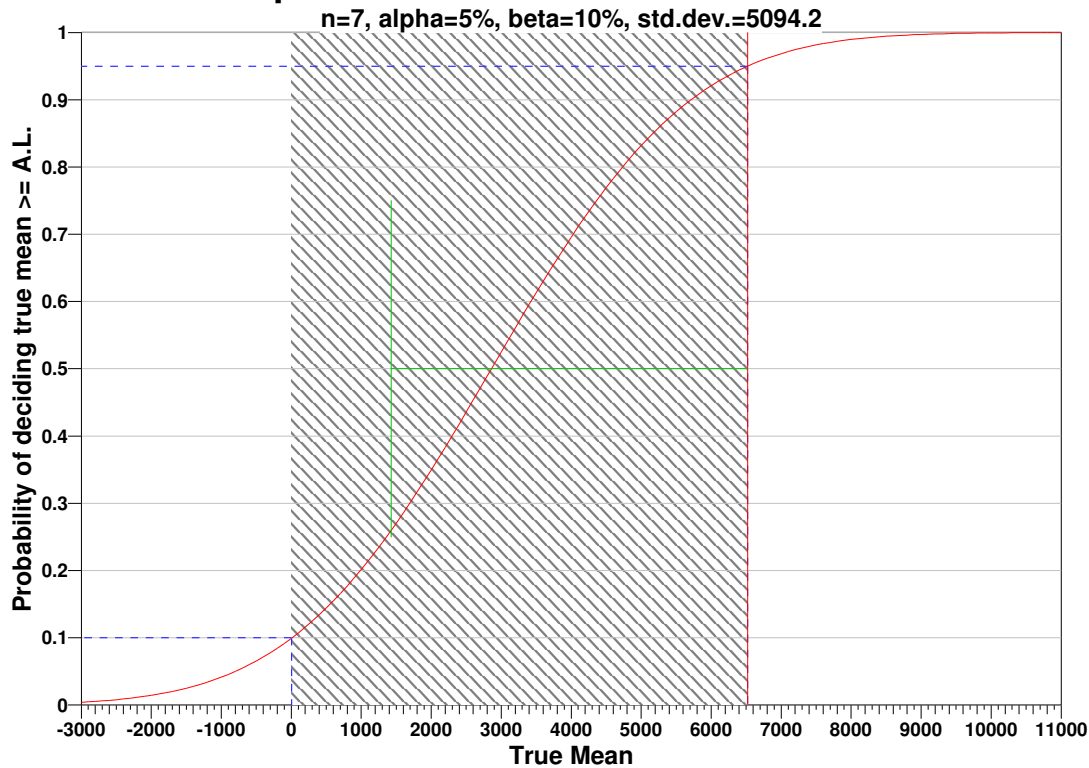
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	7	5094.2	6513.2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=6521.2		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=10188.4	s=5094.2	s=10188.4	s=5094.2	s=10188.4	s=5094.2
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	2643	662	2092	524	1756	440
	$\beta=10$	2092	524	1605	402	1313	329
	$\beta=15$	1757	441	1313	329	1050	263
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	662	167	524	132	440	111
	$\beta=10$	524	133	402	102	329	83
	$\beta=15$	441	112	329	83	263	67
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	295	75	234	59	196	50

β=10	234	60	179	46	147	37
β=15	197	51	147	38	118	30

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that μ > action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that μ < action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$4,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$642.86. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	7 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$700.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$2,800.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$3,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$4,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	609	659.5	786	820	1105	1250	1440	1670	2030
10	2110	2540	2550	2590	2600	2710	2900	3010	3030	3550
20	3680	4375	4470	4570	4830	5020	5110	5130	5420	5460
30	5510	5620	6190	7070	7830	8090	9850	9900	1.22e+004	1.42e+004
40	1.43e+004	1.44e+004	1.565e+004	2.54e+004						

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	44
Min	0
Max	25400
Range	25400
Mean	5505.3
Median	4422.5
Variance	2.5951e+007
StdDev	5094.2
Std Error	767.98
Skewness	1.8979
Interquartile Range	4632.5

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	621.6	803	2218	4423	6850	1.425e+004	1.534e+004	2.54e+004

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	3.905	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 3.905 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	25400

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8597
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

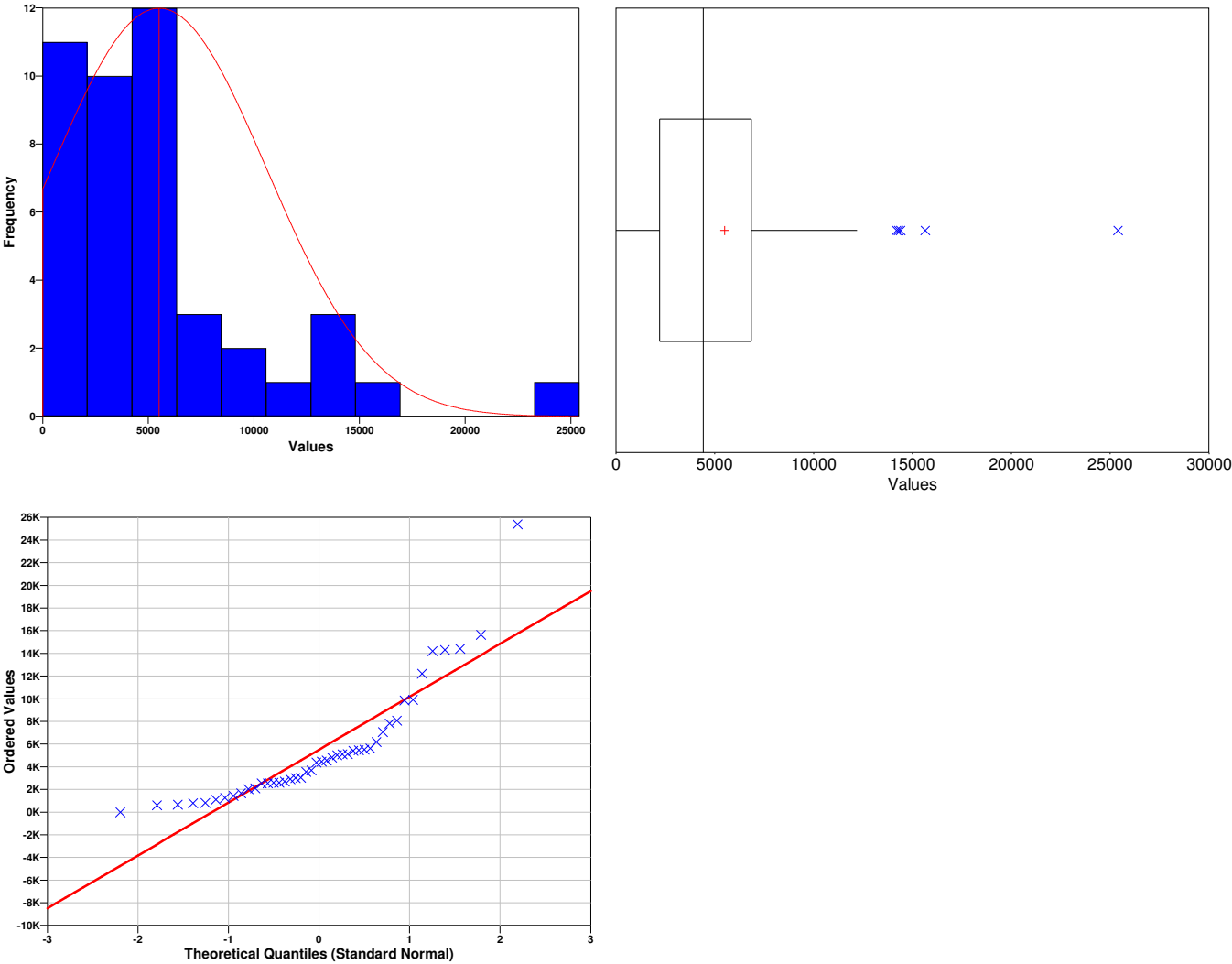
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8167
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.944

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	6796
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	8853

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (8853) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=44 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (6521.2),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=43 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-1.3228	1.6811	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
33	27	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	8.5	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	7.6	Manual	
679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-13	1.35	Manual	
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-14	2.7	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-17	4.6	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-18	21.1	Manual	
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679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-36	43.7	Manual	
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679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-38	10.5	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-39	1.35	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-40	1.35	Manual	
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-41	7.5	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-01	1.35	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-02	2.8	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-07	1.35	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-08	3.8	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-11	3.5	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-12	1.35	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

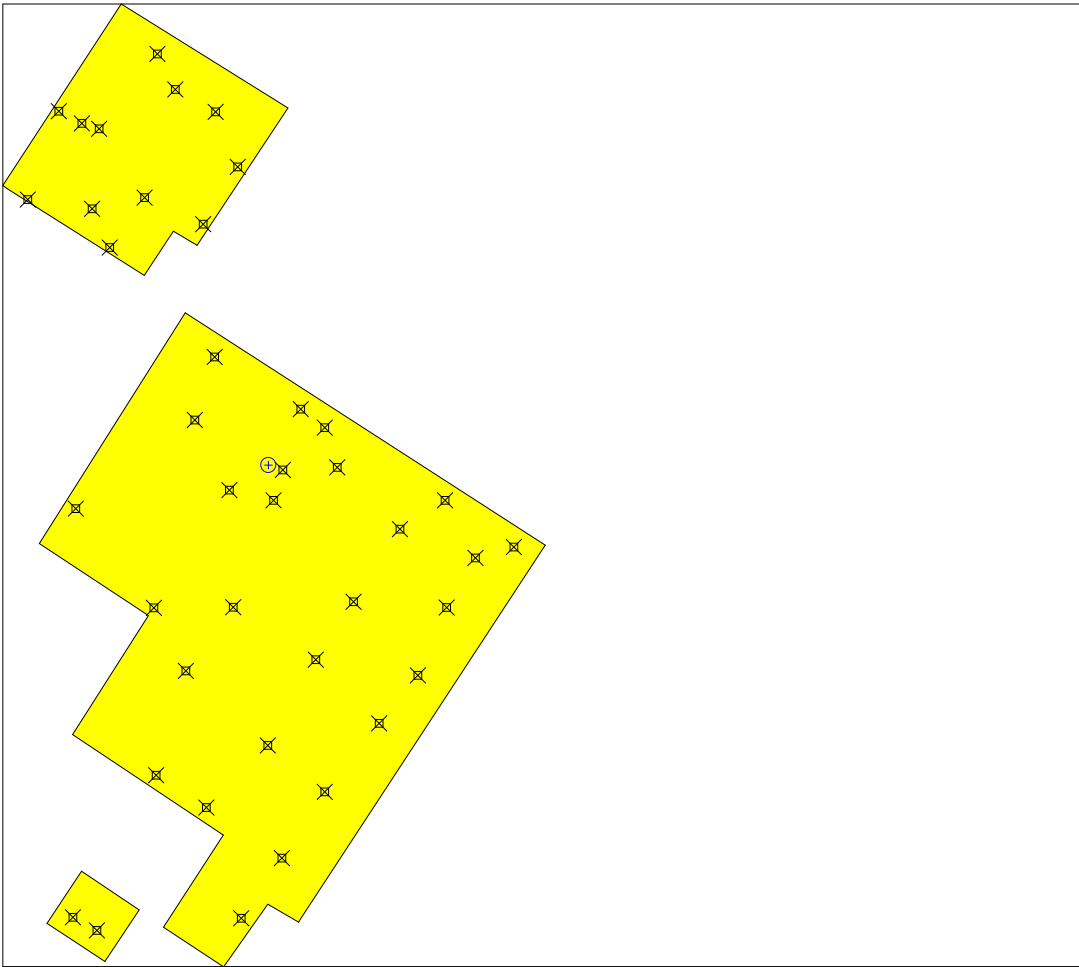
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	3
Number of samples on map ^a	42
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$2,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



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679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	0.14	Manual	T
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679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	0.115	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.08	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.23	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	0.47	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	0.29	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	0.105	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	0.105	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.26	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.09	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	0.54	Manual	T

679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	0.115	Manual	T
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679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.33	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	0.41	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.44	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	1.7	Manual	T
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679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	0.58	Manual	T
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679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	0.23	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	1.1	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	0.81	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	0.8	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	0.78	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	1.7	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	2.1	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	2.2	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	0.7	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	J-40S	0.62	Manual	T
679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	1.7	Manual	T
679330.0243	3082973.9575		0	Random	

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The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

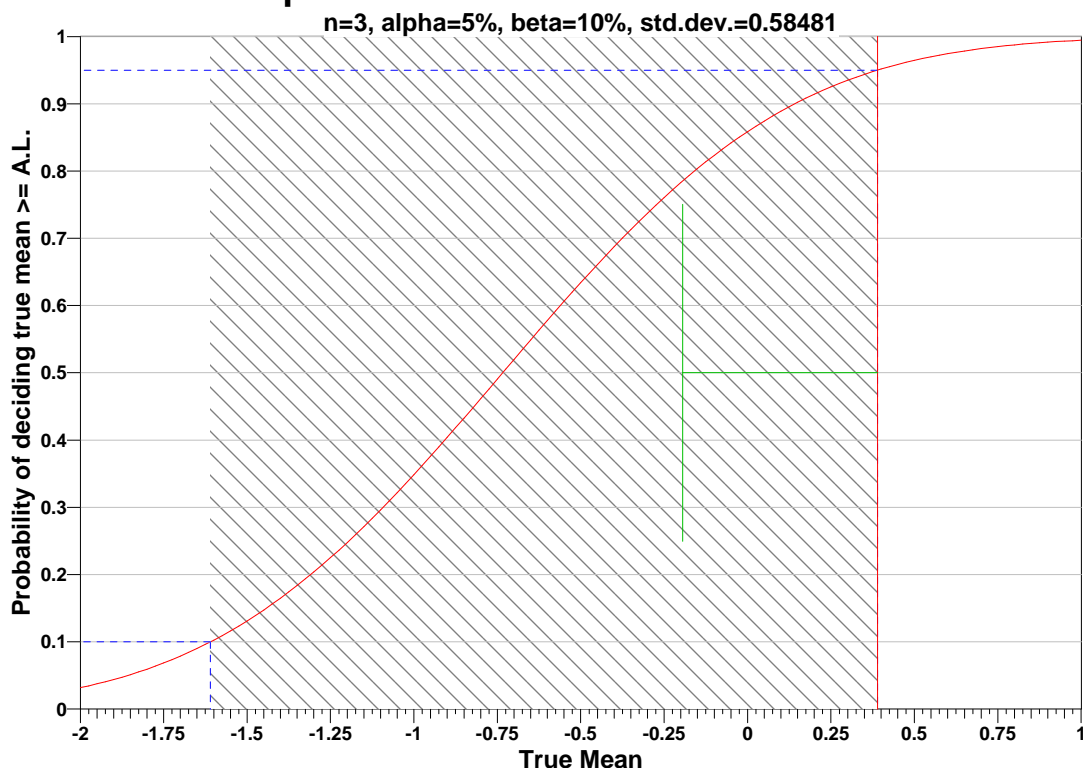
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	3	0.58481	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
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The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=0.39		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=1.16962	s=0.58481	s=1.16962	s=0.58481	s=1.16962	s=0.58481
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	9735	2435	7704	1927	6467	1618
	$\beta=10$	7704	1927	5910	1478	4834	1209
	$\beta=15$	6468	1618	4834	1209	3866	967
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	2435	610	1927	483	1618	405
	$\beta=10$	1927	483	1478	371	1209	303
	$\beta=15$	1618	406	1209	303	967	243
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	1083	272	857	215	720	181

β=10	858	216	658	165	538	135
β=15	720	181	538	136	430	108

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that μ > action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that μ < action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$2,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$833.33. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	3 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$300.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$2,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.08	0.09	0.1	0.1	0.105	0.105	0.11	0.115	0.115
10	0.12	0.14	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.29	0.3	0.33	0.34	0.38
20	0.41	0.44	0.47	0.54	0.54	0.58	0.62	0.7	0.74	0.78
30	0.8	0.81	1	1	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7
40	2.1	2.2								

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	42
Min	0
Max	2.2
Range	2.2
Mean	0.62071
Median	0.425
Variance	0.342
StdDev	0.58481
Std Error	0.090238
Skewness	1.2555
Interquartile Range	0.73875

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.0815	0.1	0.1187	0.425	0.8575	1.7	2.04	2.2

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	2.701	3.06	No

None of the test statistics exceeded the corresponding critical values, therefore none of the 1 tests are significant and we conclude that at the 5% significance level there are no outliers in the data.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8515
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.941

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

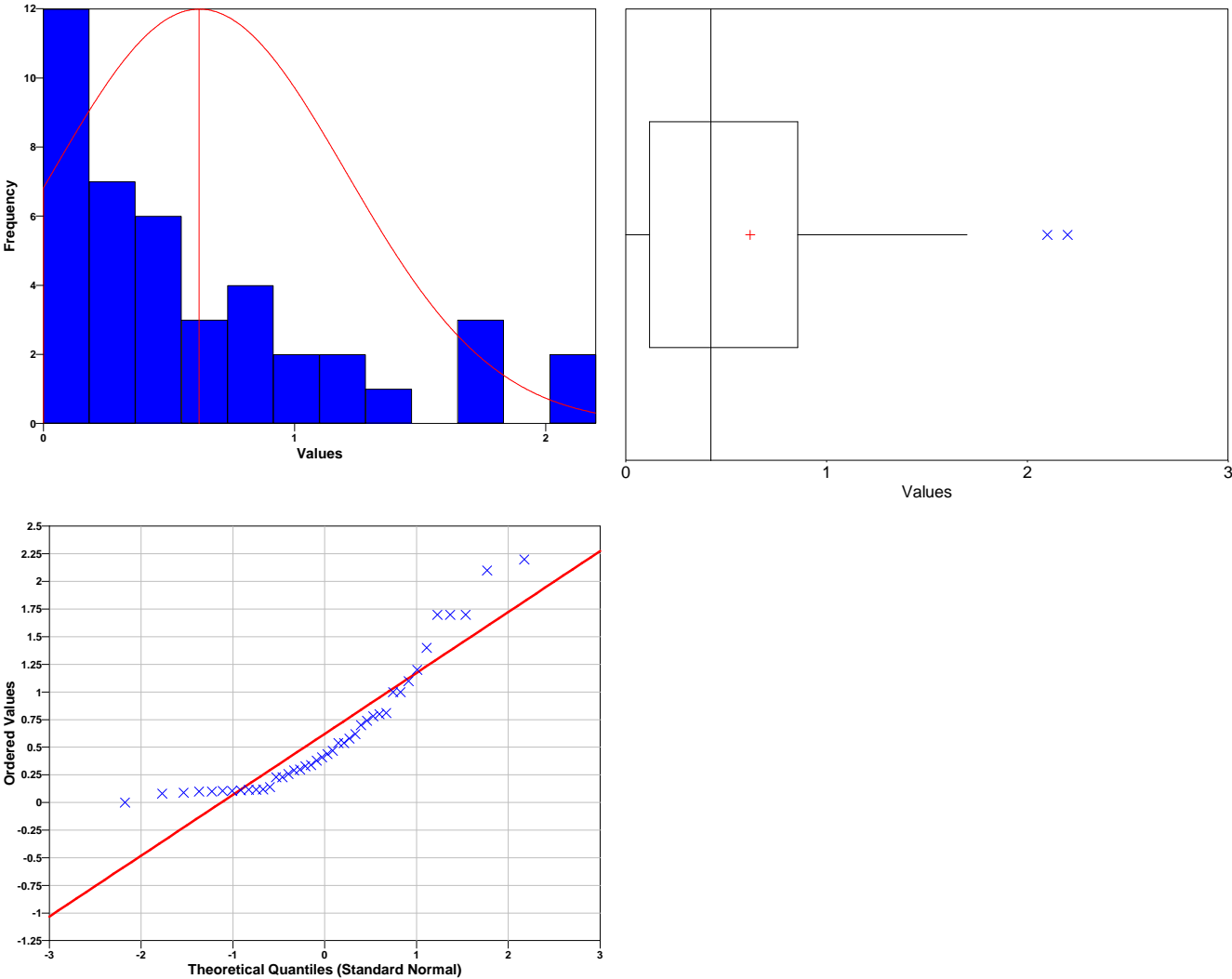
Data Plots

Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests
A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8046
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.942

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean
Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that

assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.7726
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	1.014

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (1.014) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=42 data,

AL is the action level or threshold (0.39),

SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=41 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
2.5567	1.6829	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
20	26	Cannot Reject
Note: There may not be enough data to reject the null hypothesis (and conclude site is clean) with 95% confidence using the MARSSIM sign test.		

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	0.54	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	0.115	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	0.38	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0.33	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0.41	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0.44	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	1.7	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	0.12	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0.1	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0.74	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	1.4	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0.3	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	1	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0.11	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	1	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	1.2	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	0.58	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	0.54	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	0.23	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	1.1	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	0.81	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	0.8	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	0.78	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	1.7	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	2.1	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	2.2	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	0.7	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0.62	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	1.7	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	0.14	Manual	
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679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	0.1	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0.115	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.08	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.23	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0.47	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0.29	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0.105	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.105	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.26	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.09	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	45
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	0.51	Manual	T
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679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	0.23	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	0.23	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.29	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.24	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	2	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	0.83	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	1.2	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	0.31	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	2.6	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.57	Manual	T
679187.9026	3083236.6179	J-13S	0.22	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	0.22	Manual	T
679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	0.66	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	2.6	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.72	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	2	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.58	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	1.8	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	0.86	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	0.93	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	1.035	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	1.7	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	0.35	Manual	T
679146.6460	3082549.7640	J-25S	0.305	Manual	T
679224.5850	3082683.1400	J-26S	0.27805	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	0.53	Manual	T
679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	1.1	Manual	T
679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	1.3	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	3.1	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	1.6	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	2.5	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	1.4	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	3	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	2	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	1.45	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	2.2	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	2.4	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	1.5	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	J-40S	2.8	Manual	T
679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	1.3	Manual	T
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	2.5	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	7.2	Manual	T
679223.3445	3082776.2867		0	Random	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

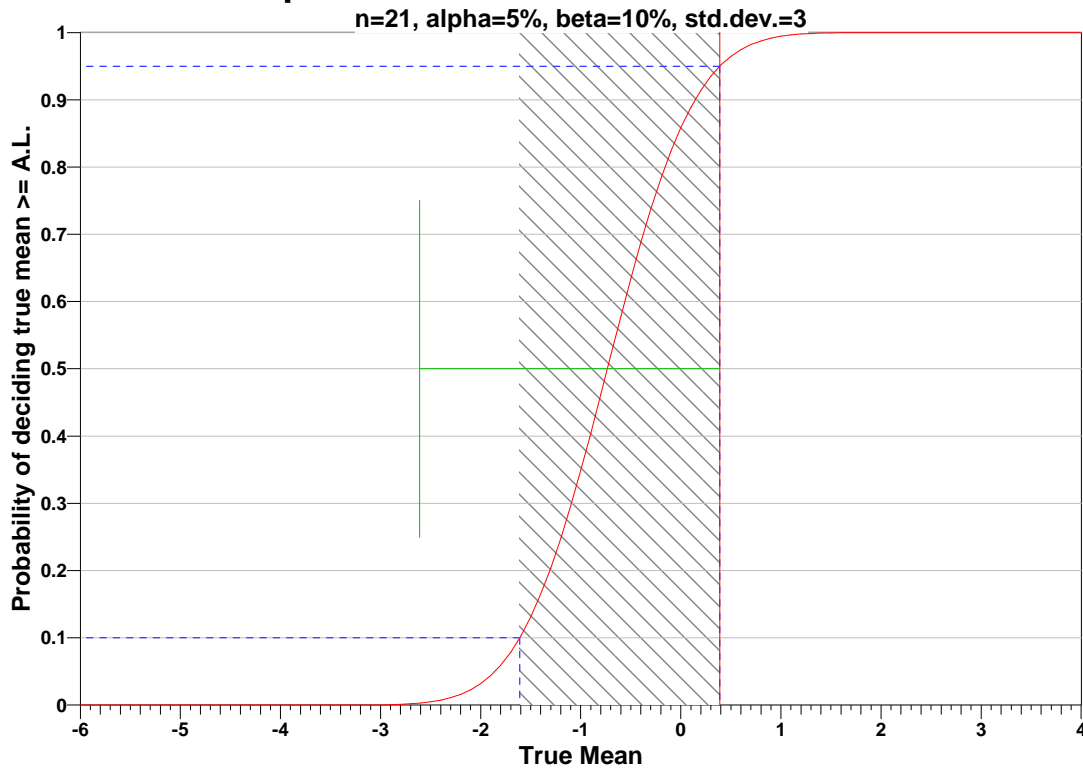
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The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

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The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=0.39		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	256148	64038	202696	50675	170162	42541
	$\beta=10$	202696	50676	155492	38874	127174	31794
	$\beta=15$	170163	42542	127174	31795	101700	25426
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	64038	16011	50675	12670	42541	10636
	$\beta=10$	50676	12670	38874	9720	31794	7949
	$\beta=15$	42542	10637	31795	7950	25426	6357
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	28463	7117	22523	5632	18908	4728

$\beta=10$	22523	5632	17278	4321	14131	3534
$\beta=15$	18909	4729	14132	3534	11301	2826

s = Standard Deviation

LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)

β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level

α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level

AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.2781	0.29
10	0.305	0.31	0.35	0.51	0.53	0.57	0.58	0.66	0.72	0.83
20	0.86	0.93	1.035	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.45	1.5
30	1.6	1.7	1.8	2	2	2	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5
40	2.6	2.6	2.8	3	3.1	7.2				

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	46
Min	0
Max	7.2
Range	7.2
Mean	1.3332
Median	1.0675
Variance	1.6103
StdDev	1.269
Std Error	0.1871
Skewness	2.3208
Interquartile Range	1.6913

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.063	0.22	0.3087	1.067	2	2.66	3.065	7.2

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	4.593	3.09	Yes

The test statistic 4.593 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	7.2

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.9124
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.944

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

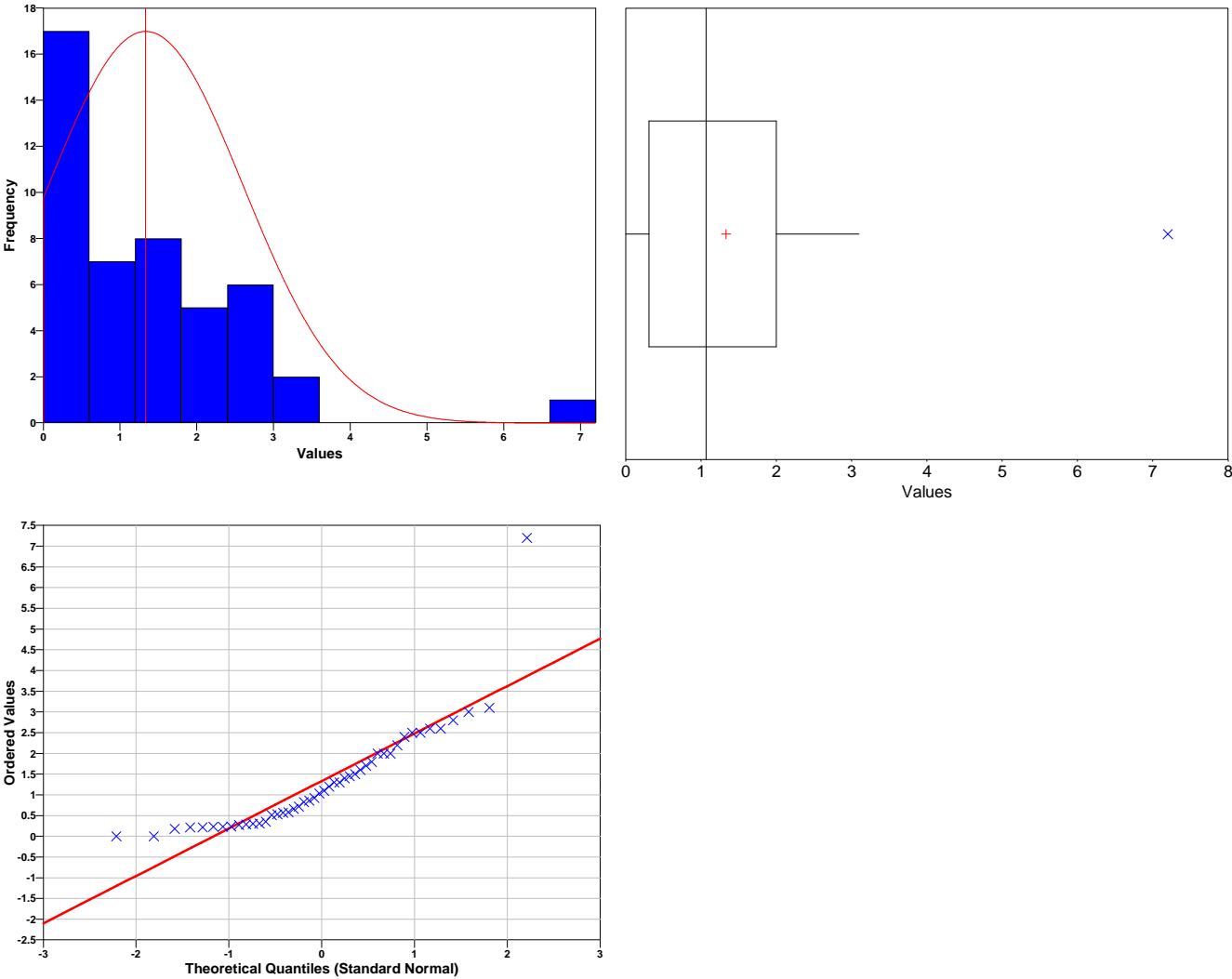
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.805
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.945

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	1.647
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	2.149

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (2.149) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=46 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (0.39),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=45 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
5.0412	1.6794	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
13	29	Cannot Reject
Note: There may not be enough data to reject the null hypothesis (and conclude site is clean) with 95% confidence using the MARSSIM sign test.		

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	0.22	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	0.66	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	2.6	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0.72	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	2	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0.58	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	1.8	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	0.86	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0.93	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	1.035	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	1.7	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0.35	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0.305	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0.27805	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	0.53	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	1.1	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	1.3	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	3.1	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	1.6	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	2.5	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	1.4	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	3	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	2	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	1.45	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	2.2	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	2.4	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	1.5	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	2.8	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	1.3	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	2.5	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	7.2	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	0.51	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	0.18	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	0.23	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0.23	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.29	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.24	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	2	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0.83	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	1.2	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.31	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	2.6	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.57	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

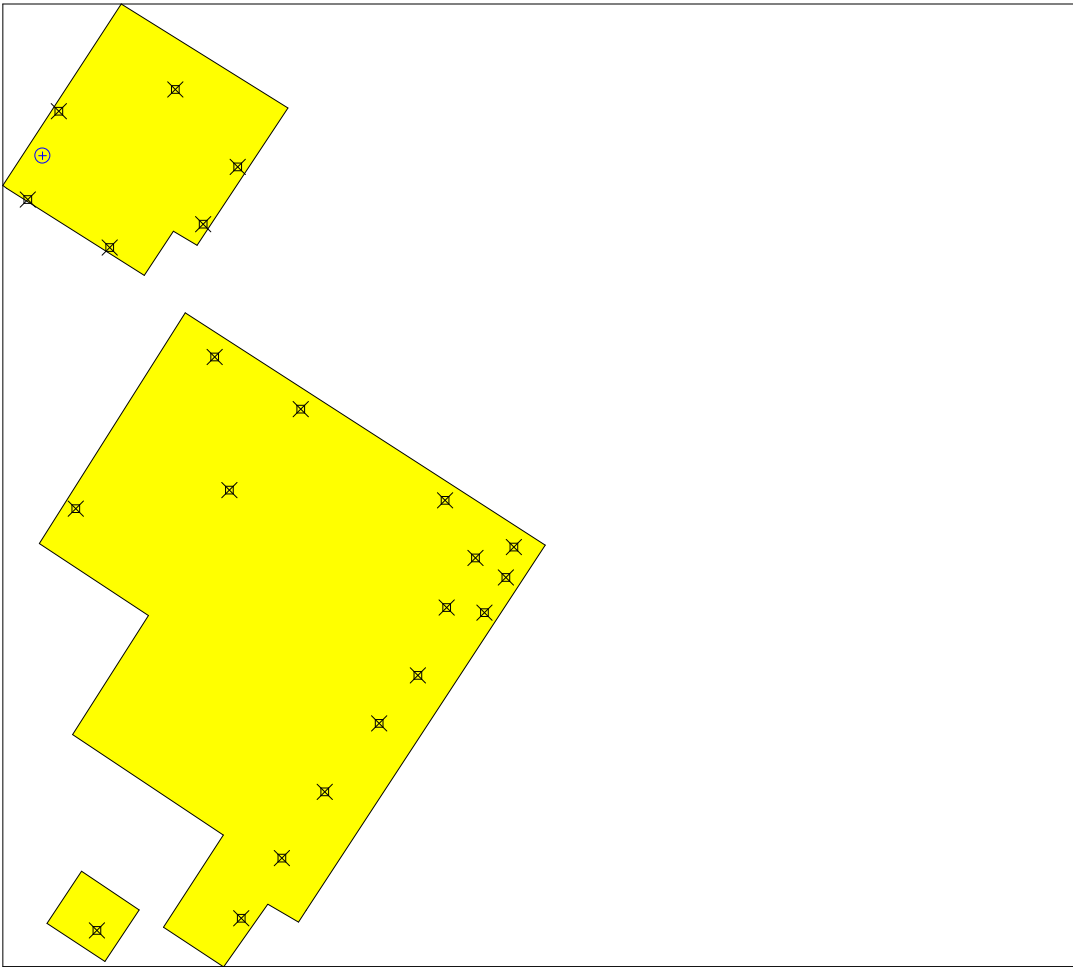
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	2
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$2,000.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	TW01-01	0.000115	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	TW01-02	0.00065	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	TW01-07	0.0145	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	0.000115	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	0.003	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	0.000115	Manual	T
679118.0448	3083264.3844	J-42SD	0.00023	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	0.00023	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	0.00023	Manual	T
679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	0.000115	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	0.000115	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	0.00023	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	0.0012	Manual	T

679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	0.00023	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	0.00023	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	TW01-34	0.00023	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	0.00023	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	TW01-36	0.00023	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	TW01-37	0.00023	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	0.00023	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	0.00023	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	0.00023	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	0.00023	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability ($1-\beta$) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} (Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2 + 0.5Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n is the number of samples,
- S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is $1-\alpha$,
- $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is $1-\beta$.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

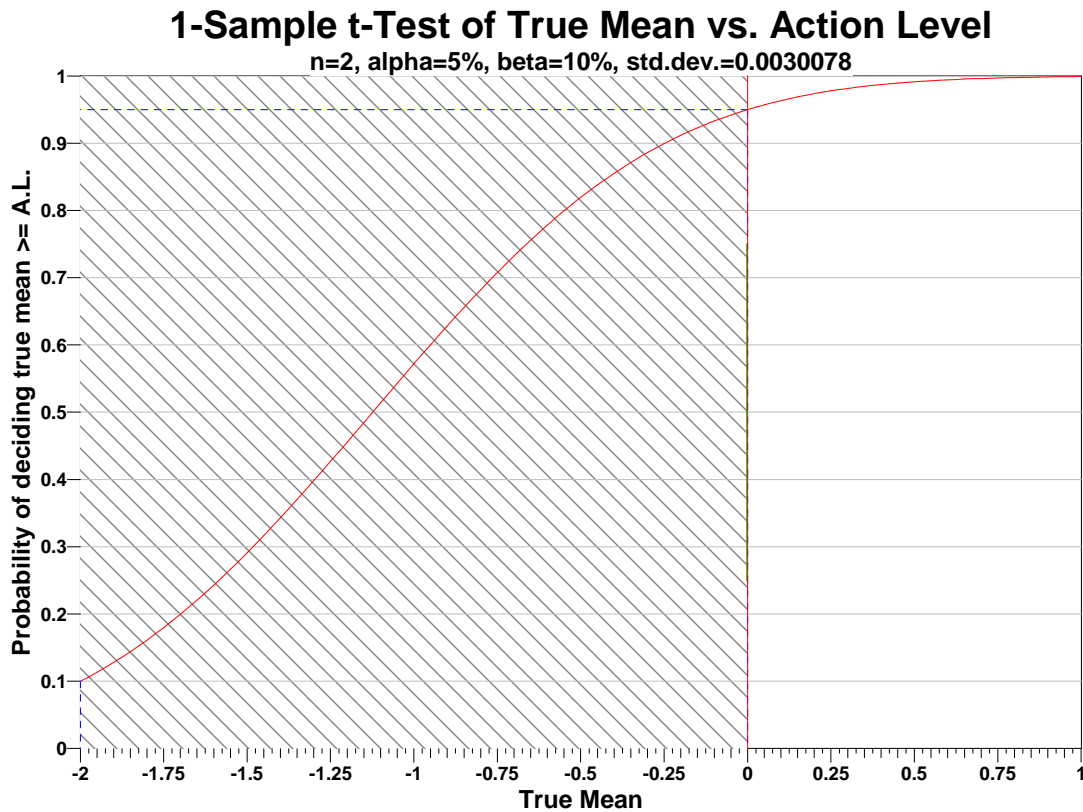
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	2	0.0030078	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α .

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β .

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at $1-\alpha$ on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at $1-\alpha$. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=0.00035		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=0.0060156	s=0.0030078	s=0.0060156	s=0.0030078	s=0.0060156	s=0.0030078
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	319697	79926	252984	63247	212378	53095
	$\beta=10$	252984	63248	194069	48518	158725	39682
	$\beta=15$	212379	53096	158725	39682	126931	31734
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	79926	19983	63247	15813	53095	13275
	$\beta=10$	63248	15813	48518	12131	39682	9921
	$\beta=15$	53096	13275	39682	9922	31734	7934
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	35524	8882	28111	7029	23599	5900
	$\beta=10$	28111	7029	21564	5392	17637	4410
	$\beta=15$	23599	5901	17637	4410	14104	3527

s = Standard Deviation
LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$2,000.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$1,000.00. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	2 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$200.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$2,000.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.000115	0.000115	0.000115	0.000115	0.000115	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023
10	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023	0.00023
20	0.00065	0.0012	0.003	0.0145						

SUMMARY STATISTICS

n				24				
Min				0				
Max				0.0145				
Range				0.0145				
Mean				0.00096437				
Median				0.00023				
Variance				8.6782e-006				
StdDev				0.0029459				
Std Error				0.00060133				
Skewness				4.599				
Interquartile Range				8.625e-005				
Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	2.875e-005	0.000115	0.0001438	0.00023	0.00023	0.0021	0.01163	0.0145

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0.095833
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic does not exceed the critical value, so the test cannot reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 0 is not an outlier at the 5% significance level.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.3173
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 0, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

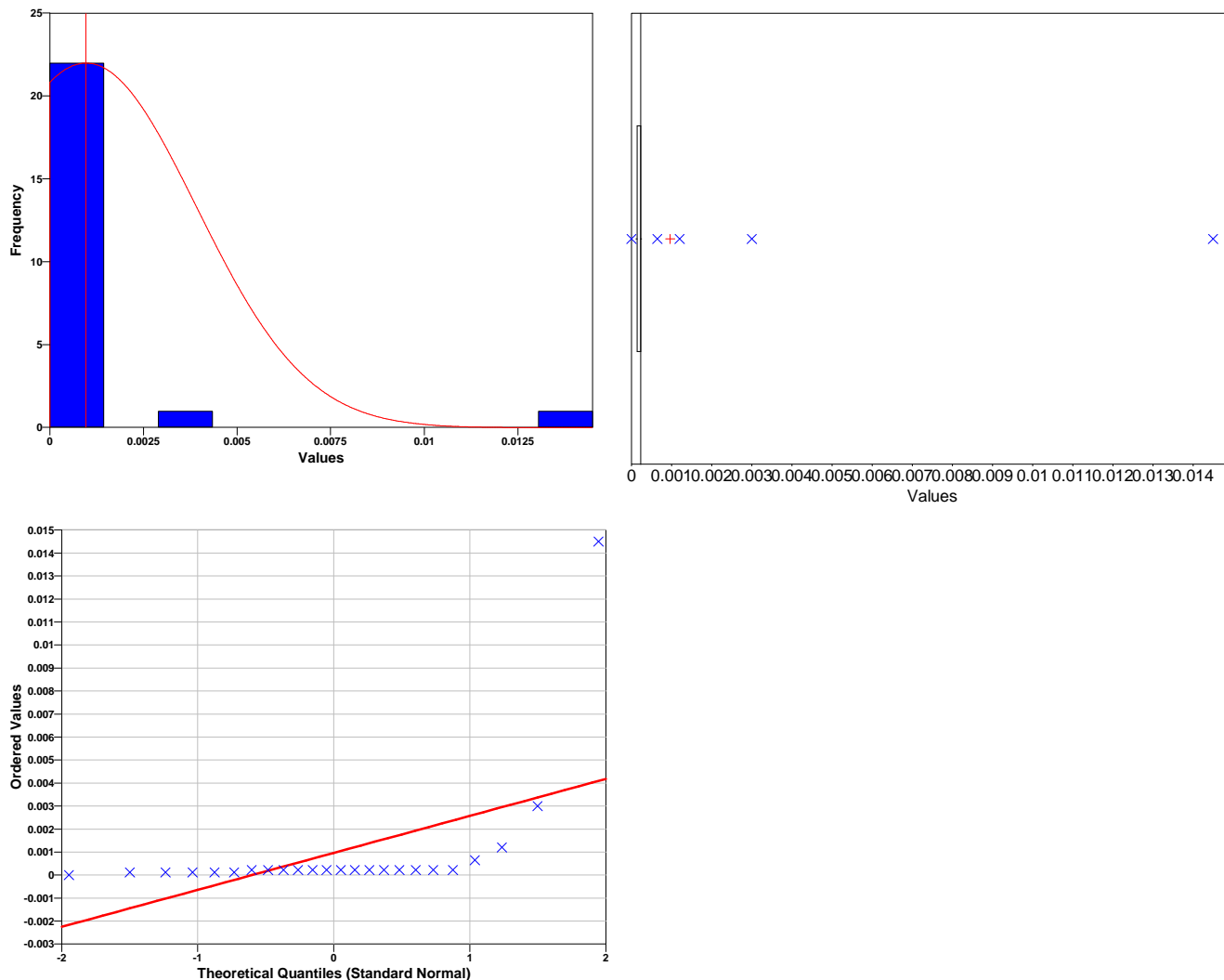
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The

sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution.

The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.3078
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.916

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.001995
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.003585

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.003585) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=24 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (0.00035),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=23 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
1.0217	1.7139	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
20	16	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	0.00023	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	0.00023	Manual	
679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-130	0.000115	Manual	
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-140	0.000115	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-170	0.00023	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-180	0.0012	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-270	0.00023	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-330	0.00023	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-340	0.00023	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-350	0.00023	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-360	0.00023	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-370	0.00023	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-380	0.00023	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-390	0.00023	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-400	0.00023	Manual	
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-410	0.00023	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-010	0.000115	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-020	0.00065	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-070	0.0145	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-080	0.000115	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-110	0.003	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-120	0.000115	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	3
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$2,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	2.07	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	3.97	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.0395	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.037	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	0.37	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	0.0365	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	0.648	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	0.037	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.041	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.121	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	0.037	Manual	T

679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	0.142	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	0.038	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.038	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	0.0405	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.039	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	0.3975	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	0.355	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	0.39	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	0.0375	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	0.036	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	0.36	Manual	T
679146.6460	3082549.7640	J-25S	0.04	Manual	T
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679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	0.039	Manual	T
679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	0.04	Manual	T
679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	0.0375	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	0.0425	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	0.03875	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	0.042	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	0.037	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	0.055	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	0.0385	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	0.04	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	0.036	Manual	T
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679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	0.047	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	0.06	Manual	T
679243.2941	3082775.8683		0	Random	

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric

approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

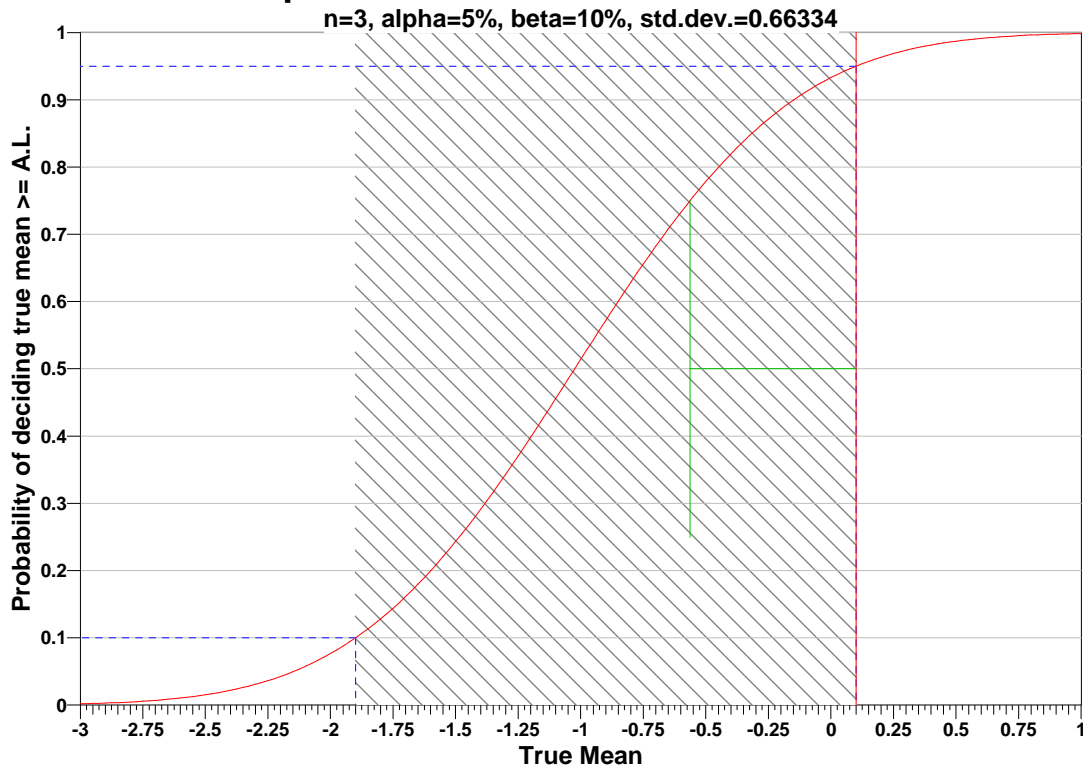
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	3	0.66334	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=0.1		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=1.32668	s=0.66334	s=1.32668	s=0.66334	s=1.32668	s=0.66334
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	190481	47622	150732	37684	126538	31635
	$\beta=10$	150732	37684	115630	28908	94571	23644
	$\beta=15$	126539	31636	94571	23644	75628	18908
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	47622	11907	37684	9422	31635	7910
	$\beta=10$	37684	9423	28908	7228	23644	5912
	$\beta=15$	31636	7910	23644	5912	18908	4728
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	21166	5293	16749	4188	14061	3516

$\beta=10$	16750	4189	12849	3213	10509	2628
$\beta=15$	14062	3517	10509	2628	8404	2102

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$2,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$833.33. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	3 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$300.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$1,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$2,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.034	0.035	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.0365	0.037	0.037	0.037
10	0.037	0.0375	0.0375	0.03775	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.0385	0.03875	0.039
20	0.039	0.0395	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.0405	0.041	0.041	0.042	0.042
30	0.0425	0.047	0.055	0.06	0.121	0.142	0.355	0.36	0.37	0.39
40	0.3975	0.648	2.07	3.97						

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	44
Min	0
Max	3.97
Range	3.97
Mean	0.2304
Median	0.03975
Variance	0.44002
StdDev	0.66334
Std Error	0.1
Skewness	4.872
Interquartile Range	0.021625

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.03425	0.036	0.03712	0.03975	0.05875	0.3938	1.714	3.97

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	5.638	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 5.638 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	3.97

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.3823
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

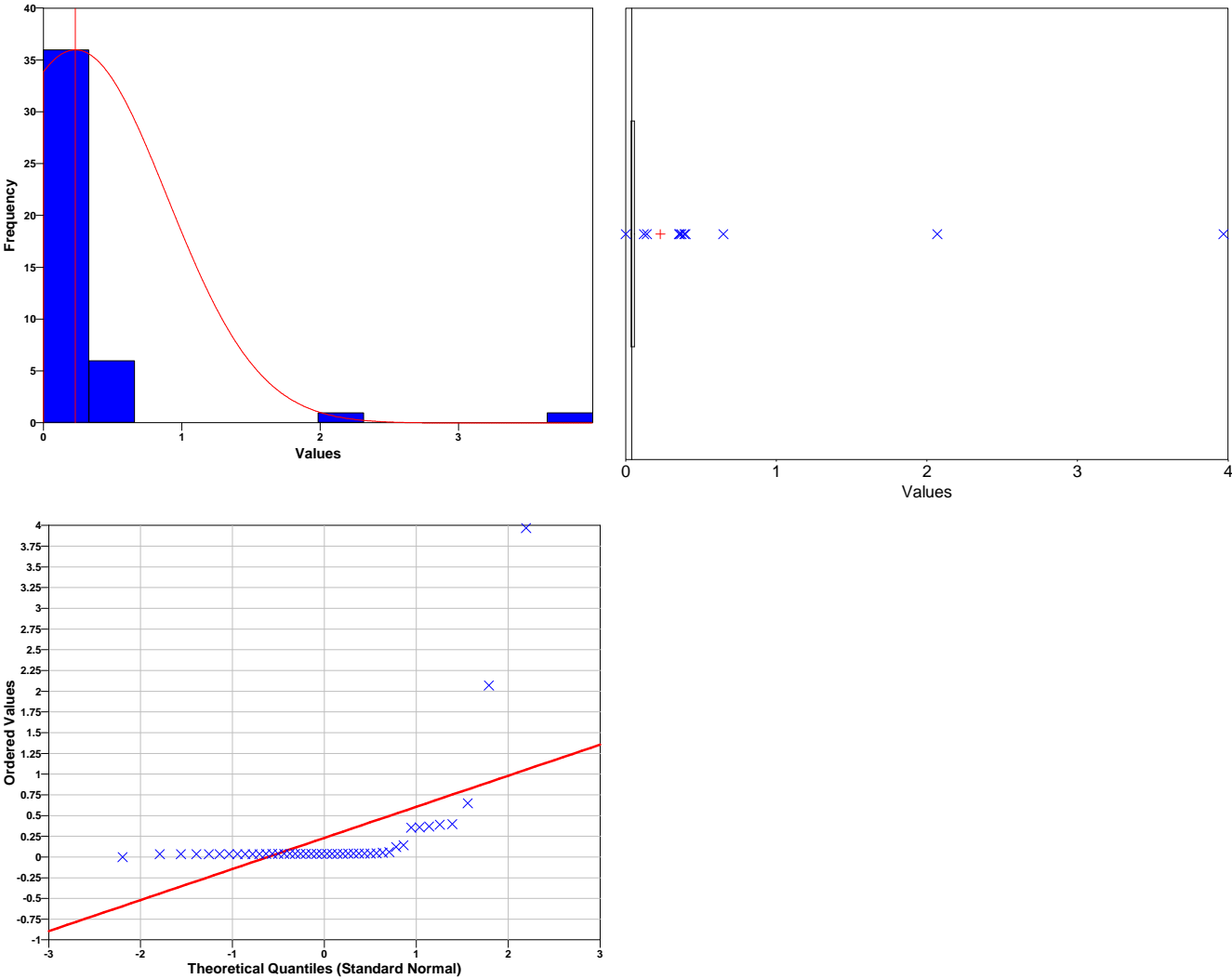
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.3421
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.944

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.3985
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.6663

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.6663) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=44 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (0.1),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=43 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
1.304	1.6811	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
34	27	Reject

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679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0.038	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0.0405	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0.039	Manual	
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679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0.0375	Manual	
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679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0.36	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0.04	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0.03775	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	0.039	Manual	
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679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	0.037	Manual	
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679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	0.0385	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	0.04	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	0.036	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	0.036	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	0.041	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0.038	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	0.034	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	0.047	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	0.06	Manual	

Area: Area 5

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679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	2.07	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	3.97	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.0395	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.037	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0.37	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0.0365	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0.648	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.037	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.041	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.121	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

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679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	0.766	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.035	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.03275	Manual	T
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679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	0.0325	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.036	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.172	Manual	T
679160.0527	3083210.1074	J-13S	0.0325	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.0335	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	0.0355	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.034	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	0.3475	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	0.31	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	0.34	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	0.03275	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	0.0315	Manual	T
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679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	0.0345	Manual	T
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679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	0.033	Manual	T
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679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	0.037	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	0.0325	Manual	T
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679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	0.0335	Manual	T
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679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	0.0415	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	0.05	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric

approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

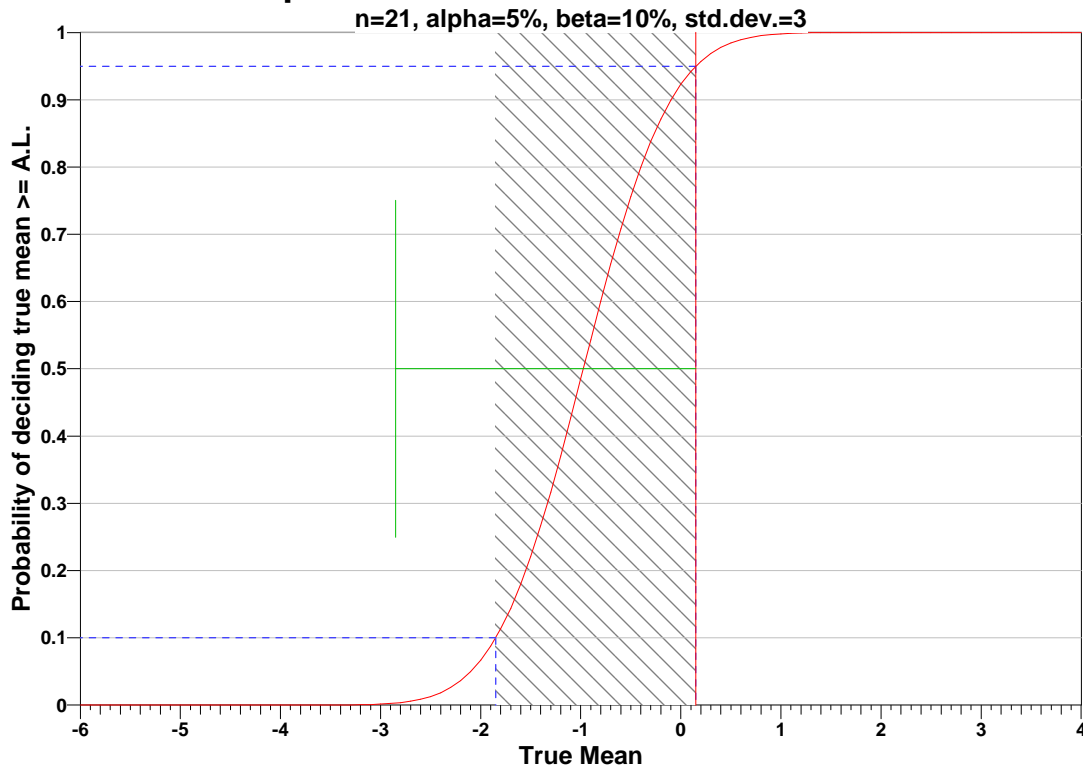
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=0.15		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	1731550	432889	1370217	342555	1150289	287573
	$\beta=10$	1370217	342556	1051121	262781	859690	214923
	$\beta=15$	1150290	287574	859690	214923	687485	171872
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	432889	108224	342555	85640	287573	71894
	$\beta=10$	342556	85640	262781	65696	214923	53732
	$\beta=15$	287574	71895	214923	53732	171872	42969
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	192396	48100	152247	38063	127811	31953

$\beta=10$	152248	38063	116792	29199	95522	23881
$\beta=15$	127812	31954	95522	23882	76388	19098

s = Standard Deviation

LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)

β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level

α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level

AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.03	0.031	0.0315	0.0315	0.0315	0.032	0.0325	0.0325	0.0325
10	0.0325	0.03275	0.03275	0.033	0.033	0.03325	0.0335	0.0335	0.0335	0.03375
20	0.034	0.0345	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.0355	0.036	0.036	0.037
30	0.037	0.0375	0.0415	0.0485	0.05	0.0985	0.1025	0.172	0.31	0.315
40	0.325	0.34	0.3475	0.766	0.775					

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	45
Min	0
Max	0.775
Range	0.775
Mean	0.10523
Median	0.035
Variance	0.029954
StdDev	0.17307
Std Error	0.0258
Skewness	2.898
Interquartile Range	0.016625

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.0303	0.0315	0.03263	0.035	0.04925	0.331	0.6405	0.775

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	3.824	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 3.824 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	0.775

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5126
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

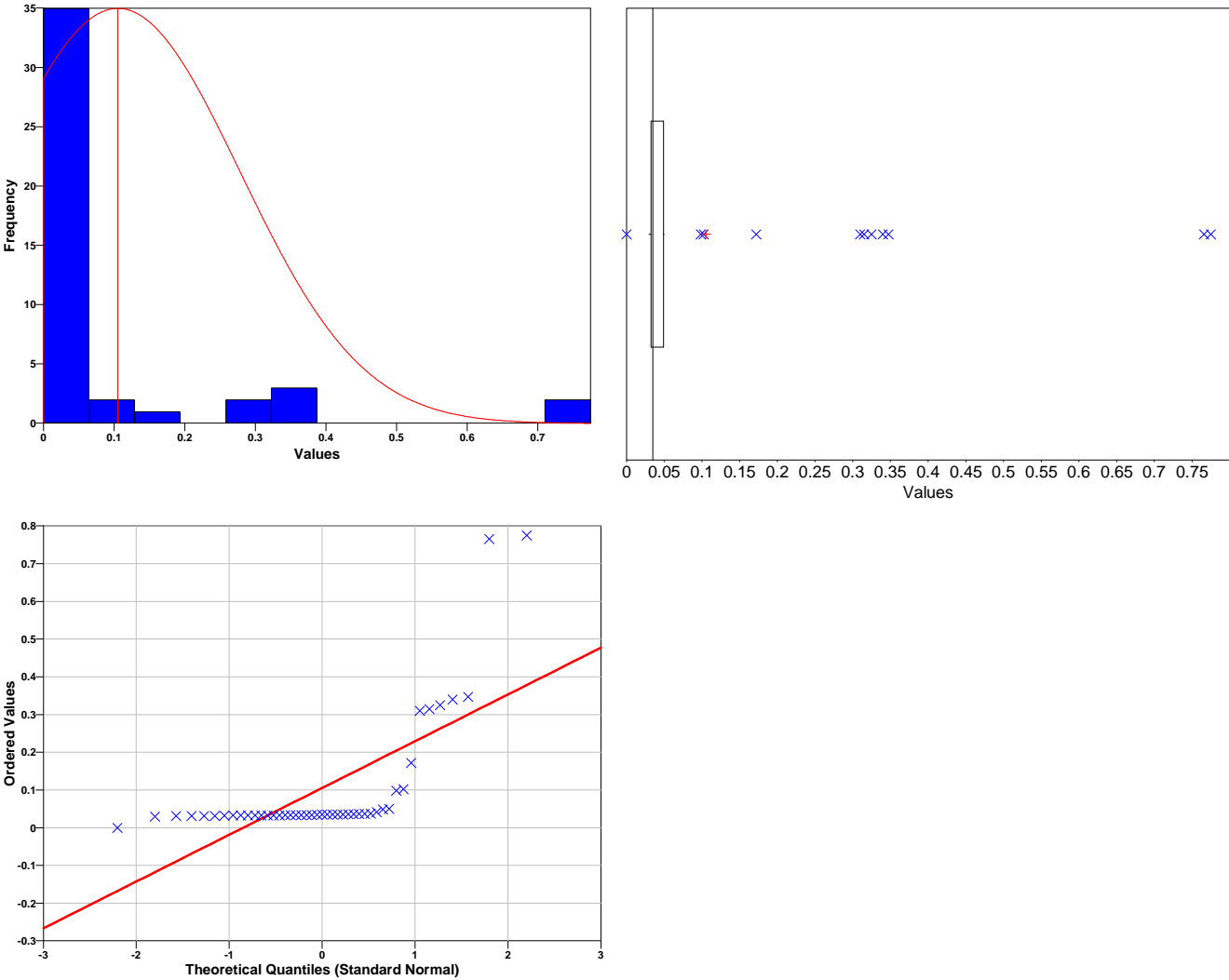
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5075
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.945

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.1486
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.2177

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.2177) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=45 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (0.15),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=44 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-1.7351	1.6802	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
37	28	Reject

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679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0.775	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.0325	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.036	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.172	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

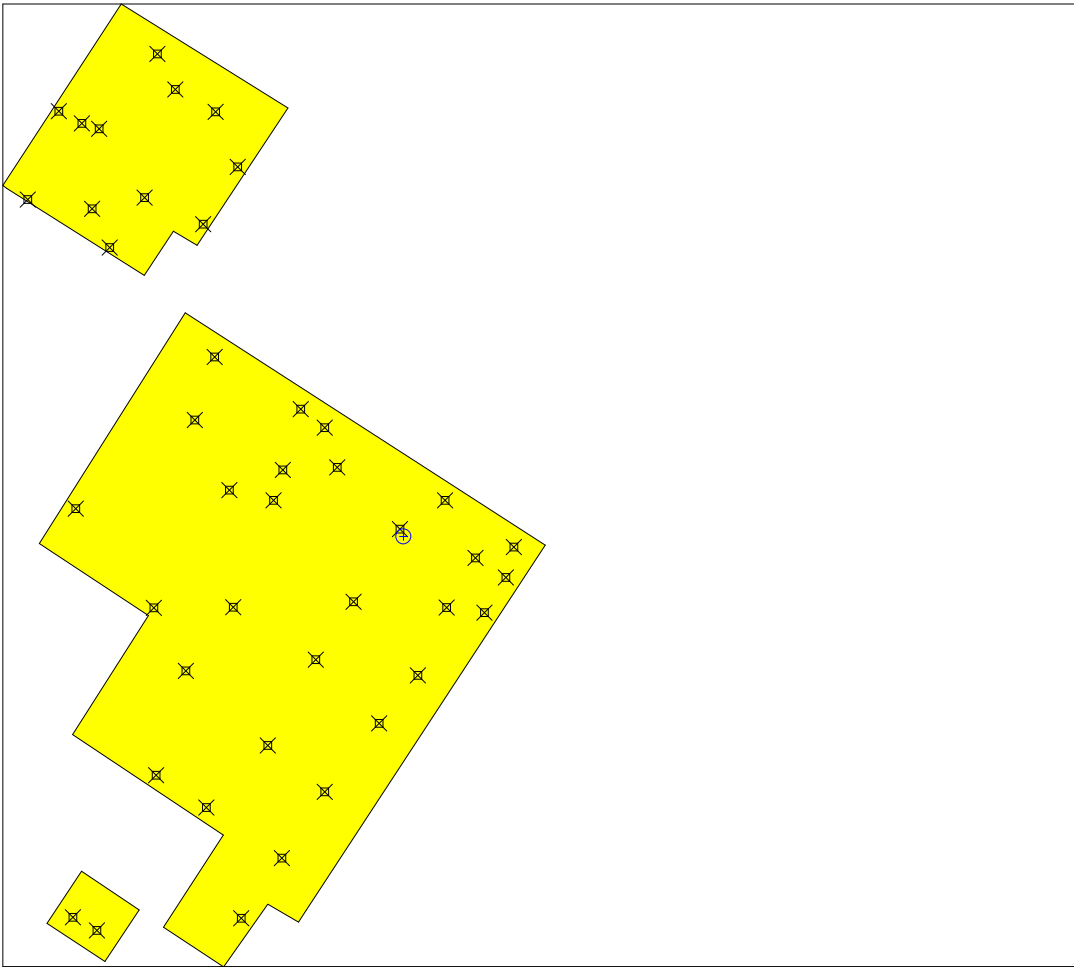
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	0.048	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	J-02S	0.04	Manual	T
679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	0.135	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	0.465	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.045	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.04225	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	0.42	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	0.0415	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	1.03	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	0.042	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.0465	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.218	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	0.042	Manual	T

679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	0.181	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	0.043	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.0435	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	0.046	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.044	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	0.45	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	0.405	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	0.44	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	0.0425	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	0.041	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	0.41	Manual	T
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679224.5850	3082683.1400	J-26S	0.04275	Manual	T
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679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	0.045	Manual	T
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679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	0.0485	Manual	T
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679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	0.048	Manual	T
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679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	0.0435	Manual	T
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679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	0.041	Manual	T
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679524.3310	3082886.8990	J-40S	0.043	Manual	T
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679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	0.055	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	0.065	Manual	T
679456.8675	3082907.2053		0	Random	

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric

approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

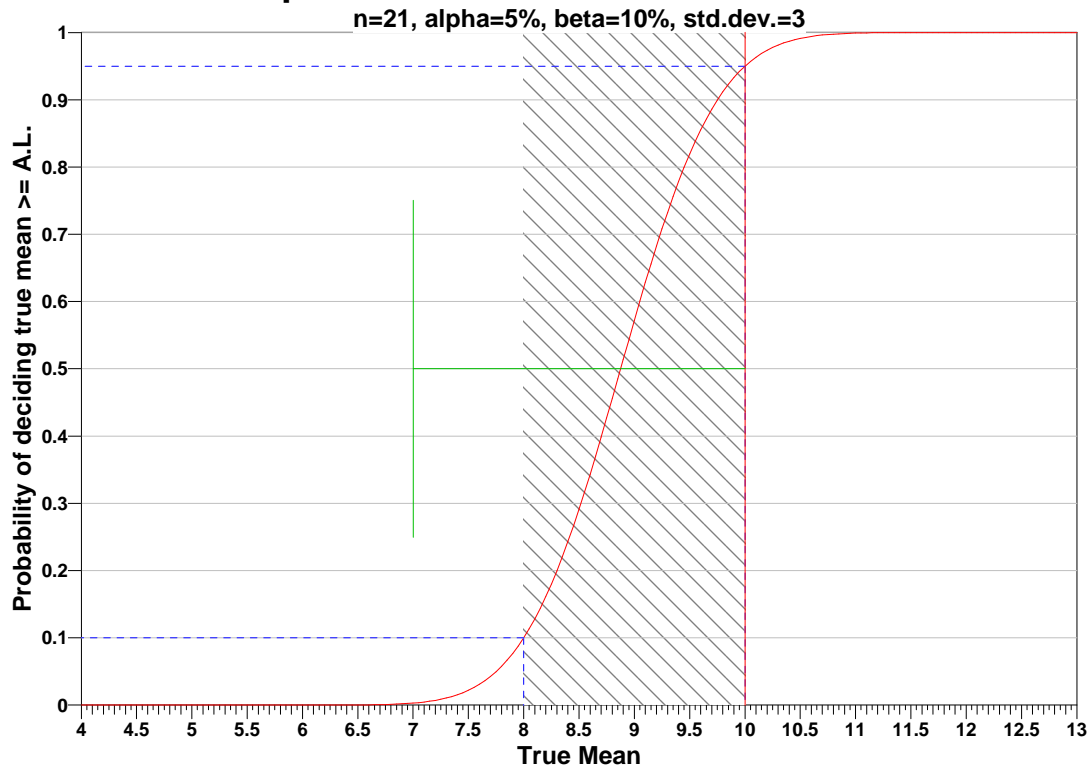
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=10		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	391	99	310	78	260	66
	$\beta=10$	310	79	238	60	194	49
	$\beta=15$	261	67	195	50	156	40
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	99	26	78	21	66	17
	$\beta=10$	79	21	60	16	49	13
	$\beta=15$	67	18	50	13	40	11
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	45	13	36	10	30	8

$\beta=10$	36	10	28	8	23	6
$\beta=15$	31	9	23	7	18	5

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.0385	0.04	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.0415	0.042	0.042	0.042
10	0.042	0.04225	0.0425	0.0425	0.04275	0.043	0.043	0.0435	0.0435	0.04375
20	0.044	0.0445	0.045	0.045	0.04525	0.0455	0.046	0.0465	0.0465	0.048
30	0.048	0.0485	0.055	0.065	0.065	0.135	0.181	0.218	0.405	0.41
40	0.42	0.44	0.45	0.465	1.03					

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	45
Min	0
Max	1.03
Range	1.03
Mean	0.12643
Median	0.045
Variance	0.037077
StdDev	0.19255
Std Error	0.028704
Skewness	2.9694
Interquartile Range	0.022875

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.03895	0.041	0.04213	0.045	0.065	0.428	0.4605	1.03

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	4.647	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 4.647 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	1.03

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5298
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

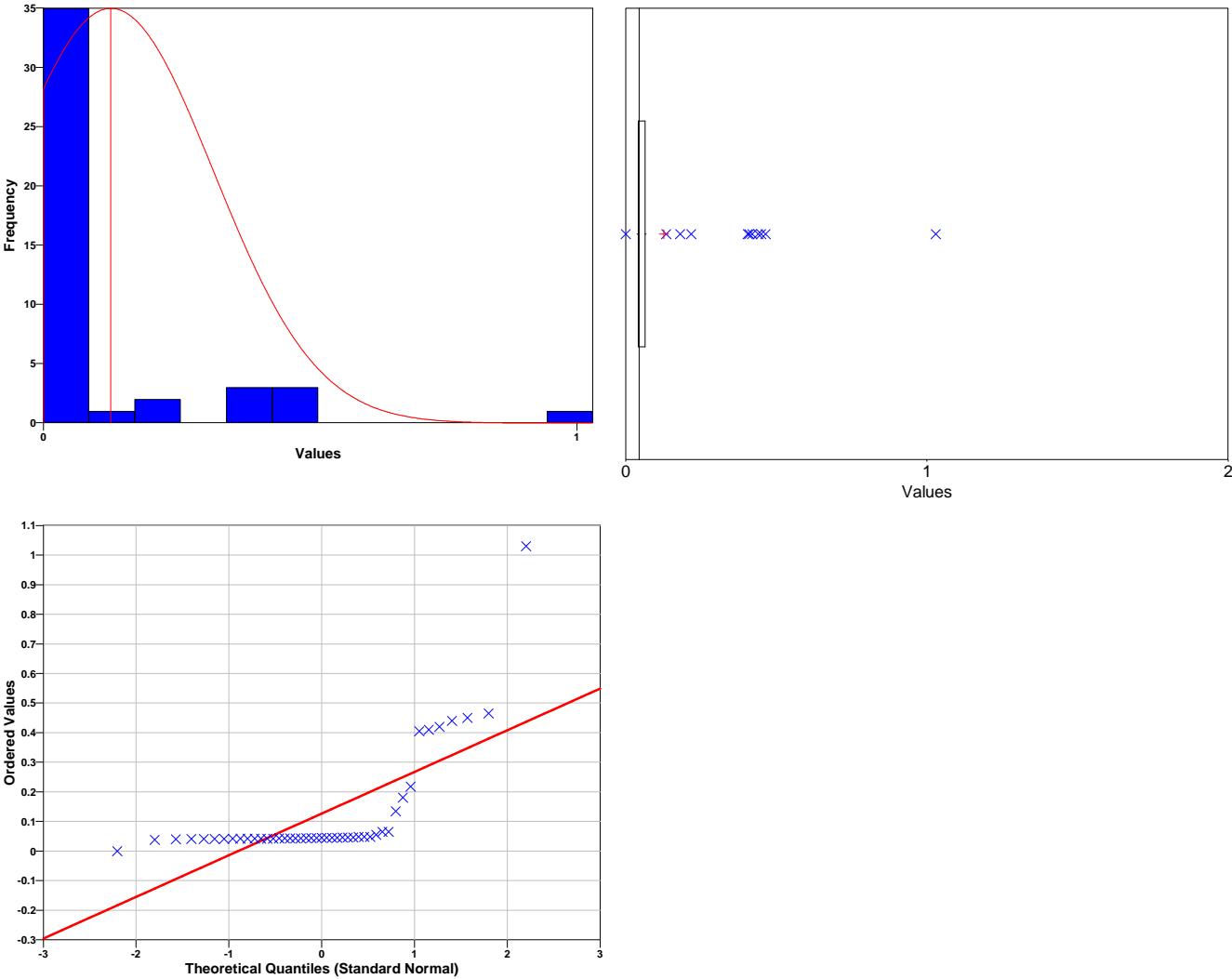
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5382
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.945

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.1747
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.2516

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.2516) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=45 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (10),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=44 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-343.97	1.6802	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
45	28	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	0.042	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	0.181	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	0.043	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0.0435	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0.046	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0.044	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	0.45	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	0.405	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0.44	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0.0425	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	0.041	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0.41	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0.04525	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0.04275	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	0.0445	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	0.045	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	0.0425	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	0.0485	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	0.04375	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	0.048	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	0.042	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	0.065	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	0.0435	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	0.0455	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	0.041	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	0.041	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	0.0465	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0.043	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	0.0385	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	0.055	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	0.065	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	0.048	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	0.04	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	0.135	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0.465	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.045	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.04225	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0.42	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0.0415	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	1.03	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.042	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.0465	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.218	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	42
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	2.1	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.8	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	3.7	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	4.3	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	5.2	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	1.8	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	1	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.98	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.58	Manual	T
679189.3221	3083262.2967	J-13S	4.9	Random	

Area: Area 3

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Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

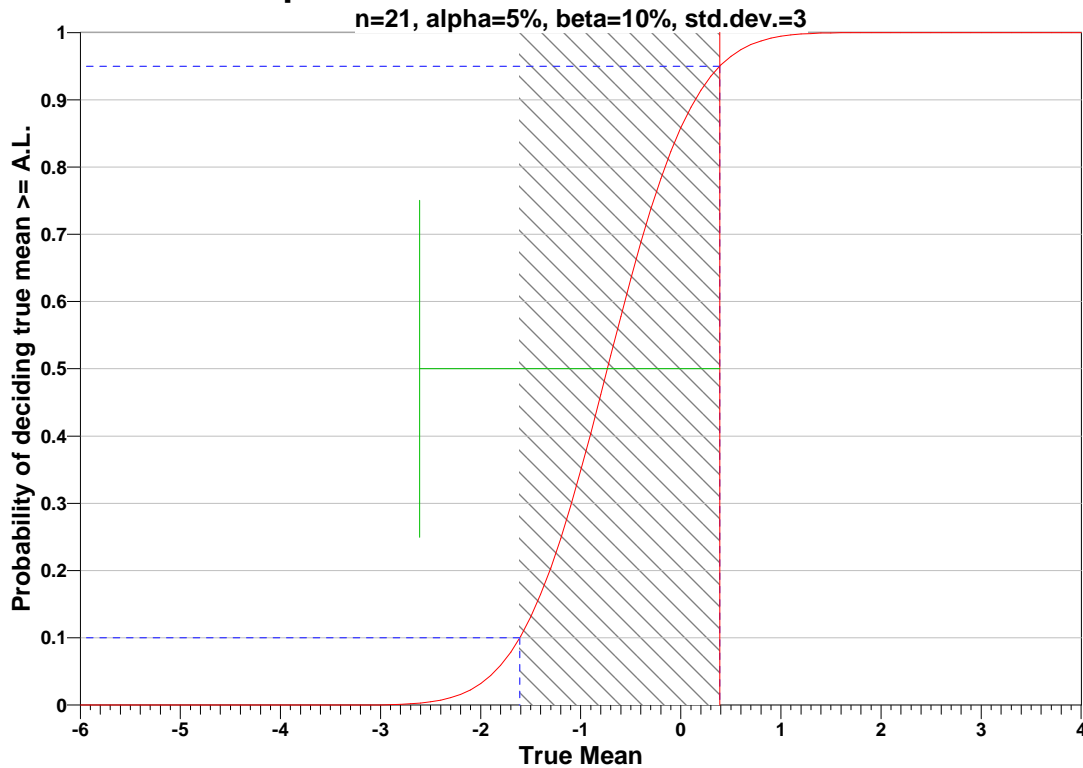
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=0.39		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	256148	64038	202696	50675	170162	42541
	$\beta=10$	202696	50676	155492	38874	127174	31794
	$\beta=15$	170163	42542	127174	31795	101700	25426
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	64038	16011	50675	12670	42541	10636
	$\beta=10$	50676	12670	38874	9720	31794	7949
	$\beta=15$	42542	10637	31795	7950	25426	6357
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	28463	7117	22523	5632	18908	4728

β=10	22523	5632	17278	4321	14131	3534
β=15	18909	4729	14132	3534	11301	2826

s = Standard Deviation

LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)

β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level

α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level

AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0.58	0.59	0.6	0.63	0.76	0.8	0.98	1	1.2	1.2
10	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3
20	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7
30	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.9	5.2	6	6.1	7.4
40	8.8	15								

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	42
Min	0.58
Max	15
Range	14.42
Mean	3.1319
Median	2.45
Variance	7.1636
StdDev	2.6765
Std Error	0.41299
Skewness	2.4792
Interquartile Range	2.6

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0.58	0.5915	0.669	1.35	2.45	3.95	6.07	8.59	15

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	4.434	3.06	Yes

The test statistic 4.434 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	15

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.9051
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.941

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

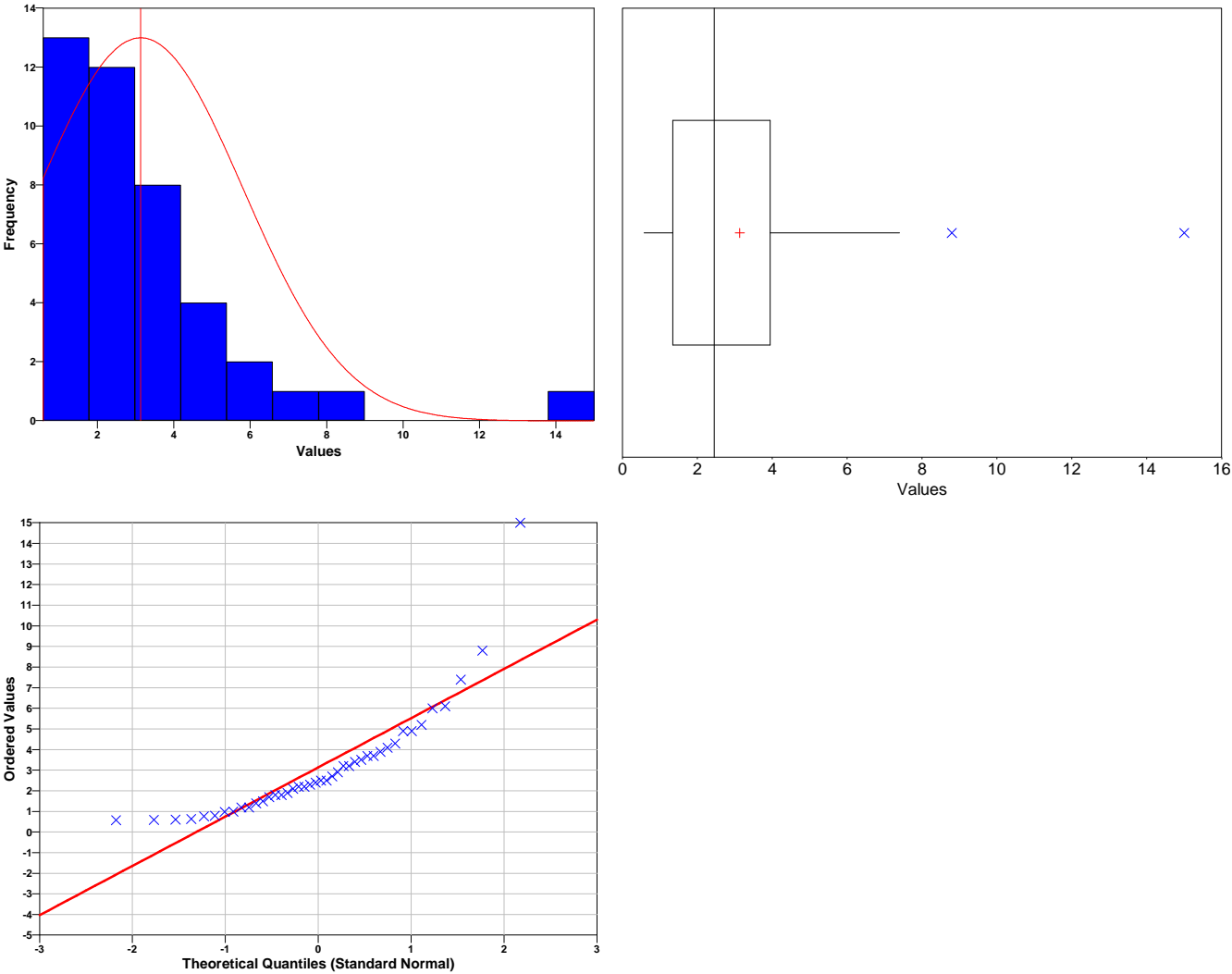
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.7568
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.942

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	3.827
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	4.932

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (4.932) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=42 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (0.39),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=41 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
6.6391	1.6829	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
0	26	Cannot Reject
Note: There may not be enough data to reject the null hypothesis (and conclude site is clean) with 95% confidence using the MARSSIM sign test.		

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679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	3.2	Manual	
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679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	3.2	Manual	
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679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	2.5	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0.59	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	4.1	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	3.5	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	1.2	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	7.4	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	1.7	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	3.7	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	6.1	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	2.7	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	2.2	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	0.76	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	2.9	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	1.9	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	1.5	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	1.8	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	6	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	8.8	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	2.5	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	1.4	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	2.3	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	2.2	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	0.63	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	3.9	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	1.2	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	2.1	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.8	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	3.7	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	4.3	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	5.2	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	1.8	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	1	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.98	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.58	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



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679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	0.92	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.77	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.505	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	13.3	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	3.6	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	4.5	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	2.9	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	11.3	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	2.3	Manual	T
679209.8633	3083350.5613	J-13S	1.4	Random	

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- where
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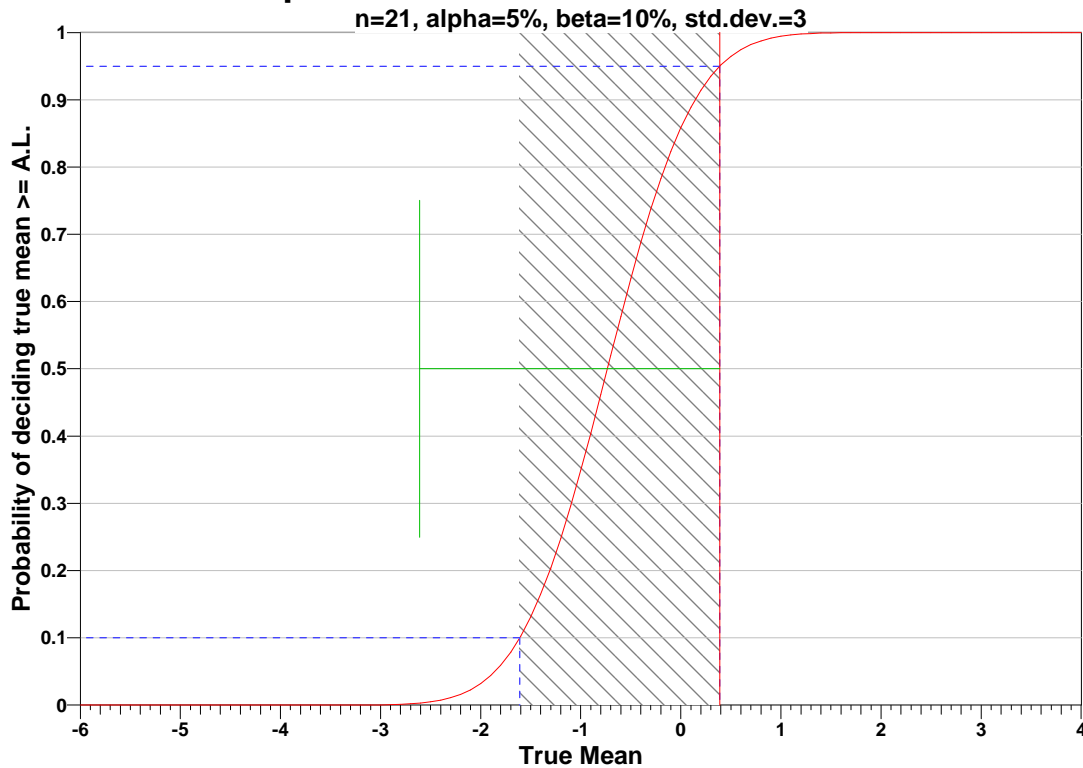
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1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



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Number of Samples							
AL=0.39		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	256148	64038	202696	50675	170162	42541
	$\beta=10$	202696	50676	155492	38874	127174	31794
	$\beta=15$	170163	42542	127174	31795	101700	25426
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	64038	16011	50675	12670	42541	10636
	$\beta=10$	50676	12670	38874	9720	31794	7949
	$\beta=15$	42542	10637	31795	7950	25426	6357
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	28463	7117	22523	5632	18908	4728

β=10	22523	5632	17278	4321	14131	3534
β=15	18909	4729	14132	3534	11301	2826

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 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.505	0.77	0.9	0.92	1.25	1.4	1.4	1.45	1.6
10	1.7	1.714	2	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.7
20	3.8	3.9	4	4	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.9	5.05
30	5.1	5.15	6.4	6.7	6.9	7.4	7.8	8.3	8.9	9
40	9.6	10.4	11.3	13.3	14.9					

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	45
Min	0
Max	14.9
Range	14.9
Mean	4.7158
Median	4
Variance	12.31
StdDev	3.5086
Std Error	0.52303
Skewness	1.0456
Interquartile Range	5.093

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.5845	0.912	1.707	4	6.8	9.92	12.7	14.9

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	2.878	3.08	No

None of the test statistics exceeded the corresponding critical values, therefore none of the 1 tests are significant and we conclude that at the 5% significance level there are no outliers in the data.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.9332
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

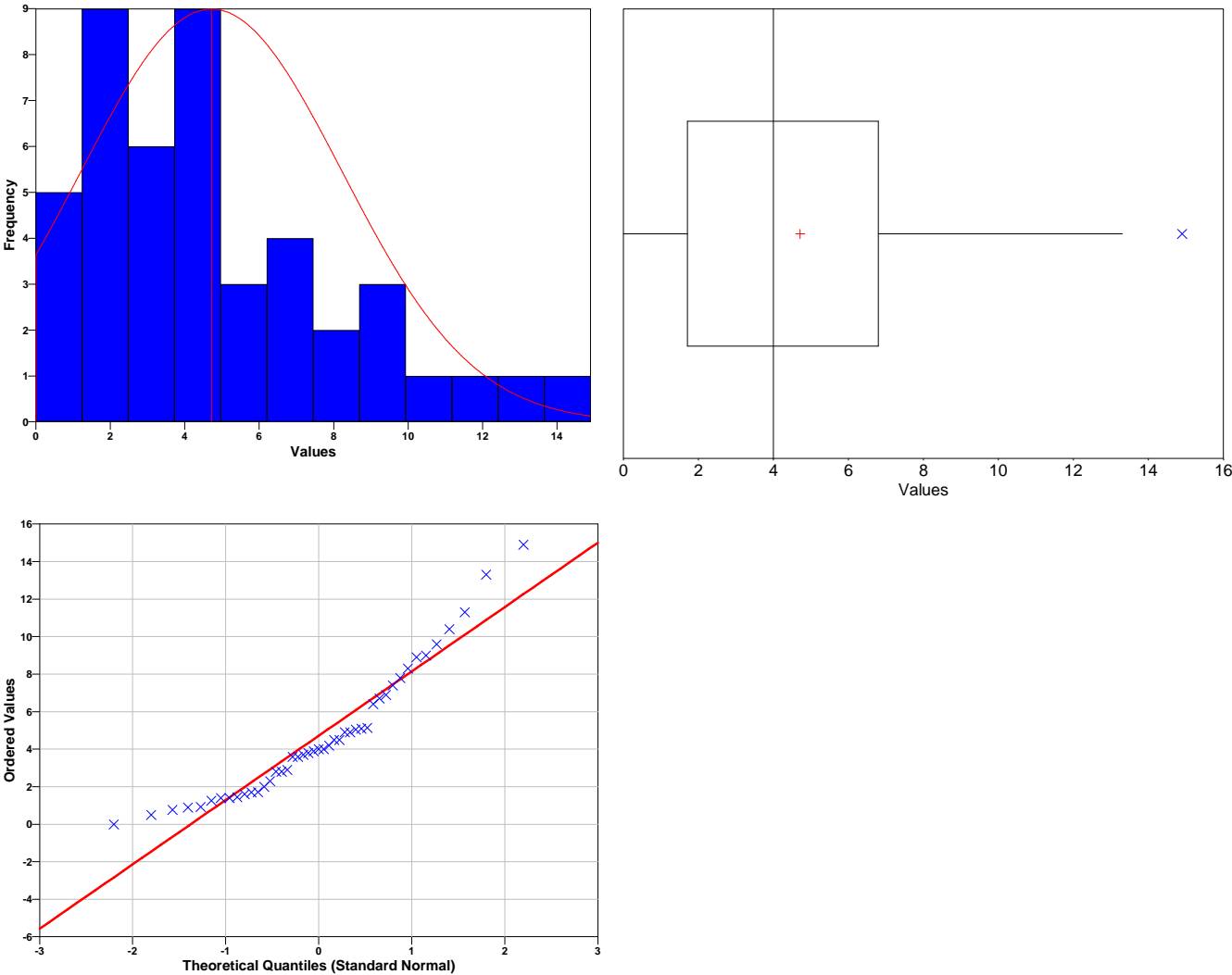
Data Plots

Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.9105
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.945

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that

assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	5.595
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	6.996

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (6.996) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=45 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (0.39),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=44 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
8.2705	1.6802	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
1	28	Cannot Reject
Note: There may not be enough data to reject the null hypothesis (and conclude site is clean) with 95% confidence using the MARSSIM sign test.		

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	1.4	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	5.1	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	7.4	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	4	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	9	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	2.8	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	3.8	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	4	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	8.3	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	5.15	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	6.9	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	1.6	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	1.45	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	1.714	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	4.2	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	3.9	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	6.7	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	10.4	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	9.6	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	8.9	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	2	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	14.9	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	3.6	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	5.05	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	4.9	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	6.4	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	4.5	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	7.8	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	3.7	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	1.7	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	4.9	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	2.8	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	0.9	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	1.25	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0.92	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.77	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.505	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	13.3	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	3.6	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	4.5	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	2.9	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	11.3	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	2.3	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



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679242.7260	3083326.5280	TW01-07	5.9	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	5.9	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	5.9	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	5.9	Manual	T

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679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	7.6	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	10.1	Manual	T
679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	5.9	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	5.9	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	5.9	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	5.9	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	5.9	Manual	T

679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	5.9	Manual	T
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679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	5.9	Manual	T
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679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	6.4	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	5.9	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	5.9	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	5.9	Manual	T
679499.9834	3082811.7752		0	Random	

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

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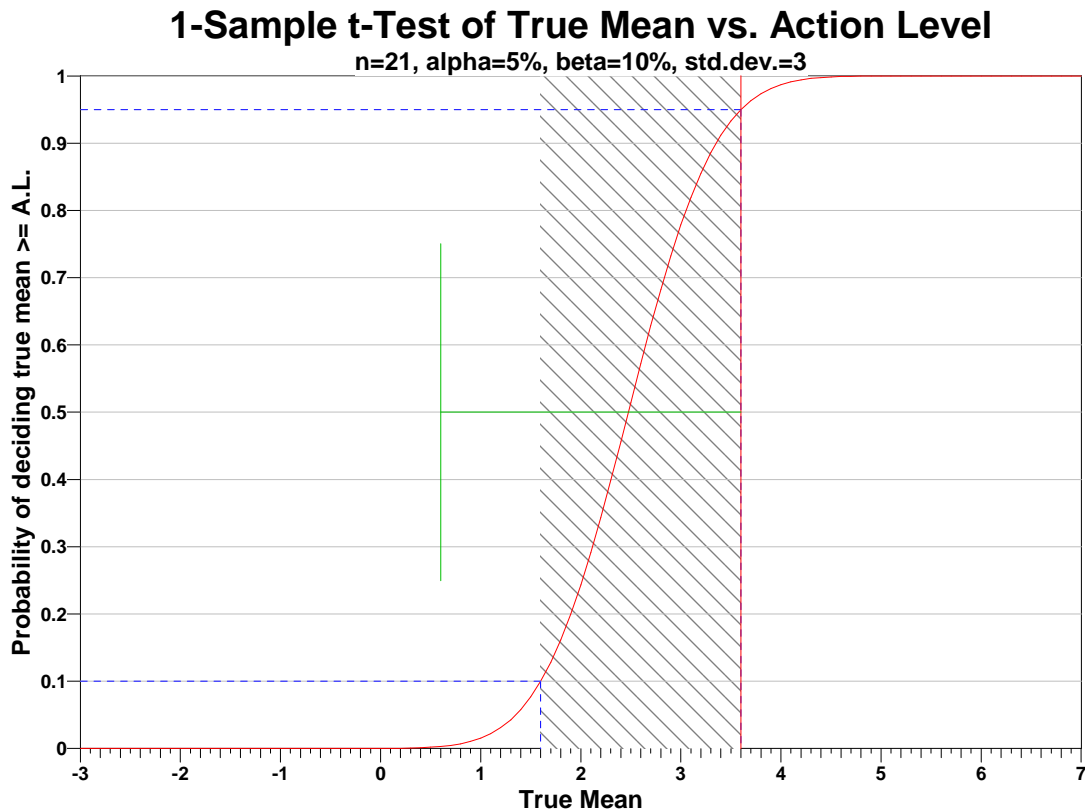
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Number of Samples							
AL=3.6		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	3008	753	2380	596	1998	500
	$\beta=10$	2381	597	1826	458	1494	374
	$\beta=15$	1999	501	1494	374	1195	299
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	753	190	596	150	500	126
	$\beta=10$	597	151	458	115	374	94
	$\beta=15$	501	127	374	95	299	76
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	336	85	266	67	223	57
	$\beta=10$	266	68	204	52	167	42
	$\beta=15$	224	57	167	43	134	34

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LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
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AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

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Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
10	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.4
20	6.7	7.6	10.1							

SUMMARY STATISTICS

n					23				
Min					0				
Max					10.1				
Range					10.1				
Mean					5.9565				
Median					5.9				
Variance					2.5526				
StdDev					1.5977				
Std Error					0.33314				
Skewness					-1.6512				
Interquartile Range					0				
Percentiles									
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%	
0	1.18	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	7.24	9.6	10.1	

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0.8806
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic exceeds the critical value, so the test rejects the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 0 is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
Min	0

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.4044
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 0, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

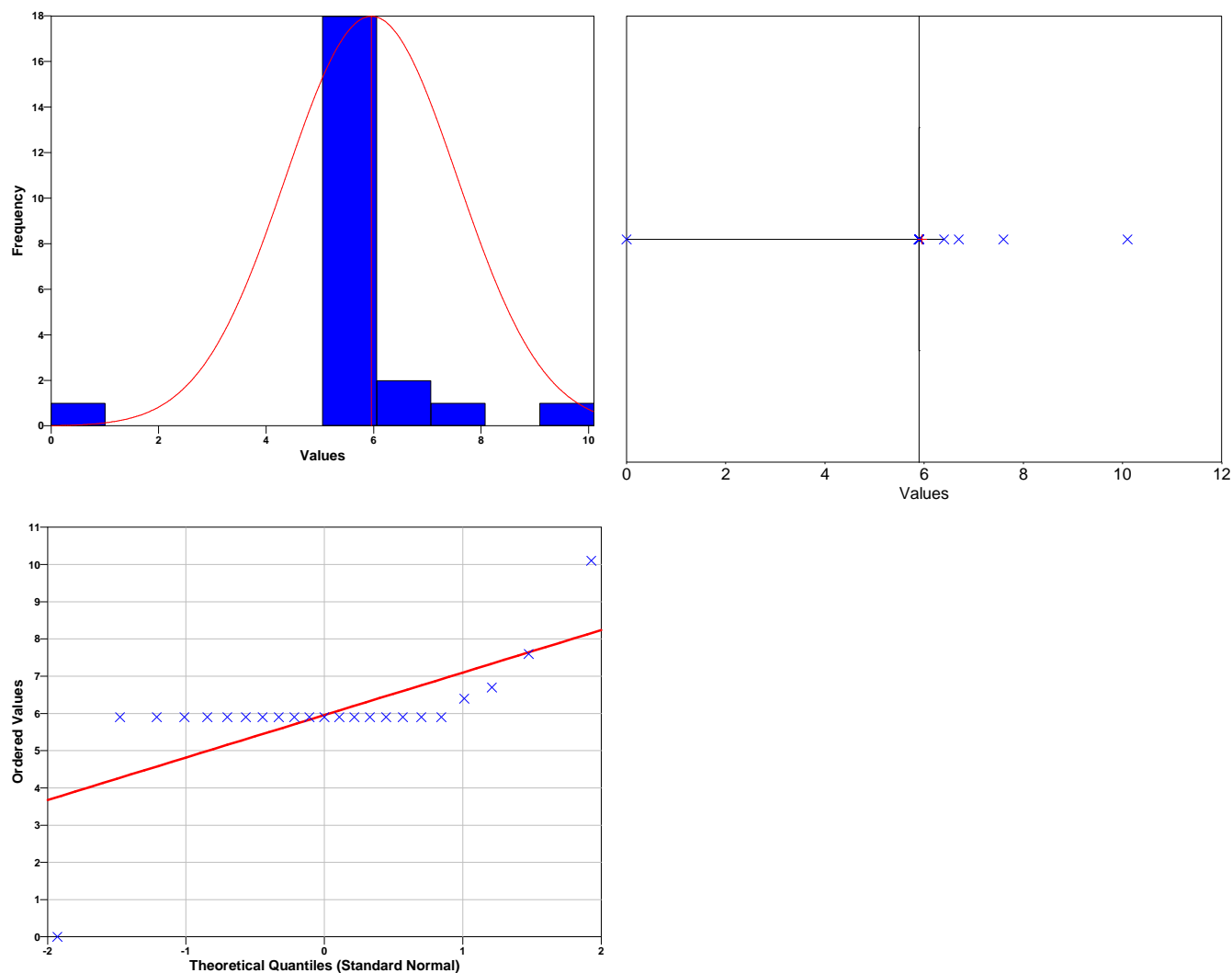
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The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_p , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_p . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through

2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5252
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.914

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	6.529
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	7.409

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (7.409) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=23 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (3.6),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=22 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
7.0737	1.7171	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
1	15	Cannot Reject

Note: There may not be enough data to reject the null hypothesis (and conclude site is clean) with 95% confidence using the MARSSIM sign test.

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	7.6	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	10.1	Manual	
679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-13	5.9	Manual	
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-14	5.9	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-17	5.9	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-18	5.9	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-27	5.9	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-33	5.9	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-34	5.9	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-35	5.9	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-36	5.9	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-37	6.7	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-38	6.4	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-39	5.9	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-40	5.9	Manual	
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-41	5.9	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-01	5.9	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-02	5.9	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-07	5.9	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-08	5.9	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-11	5.9	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-12	5.9	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

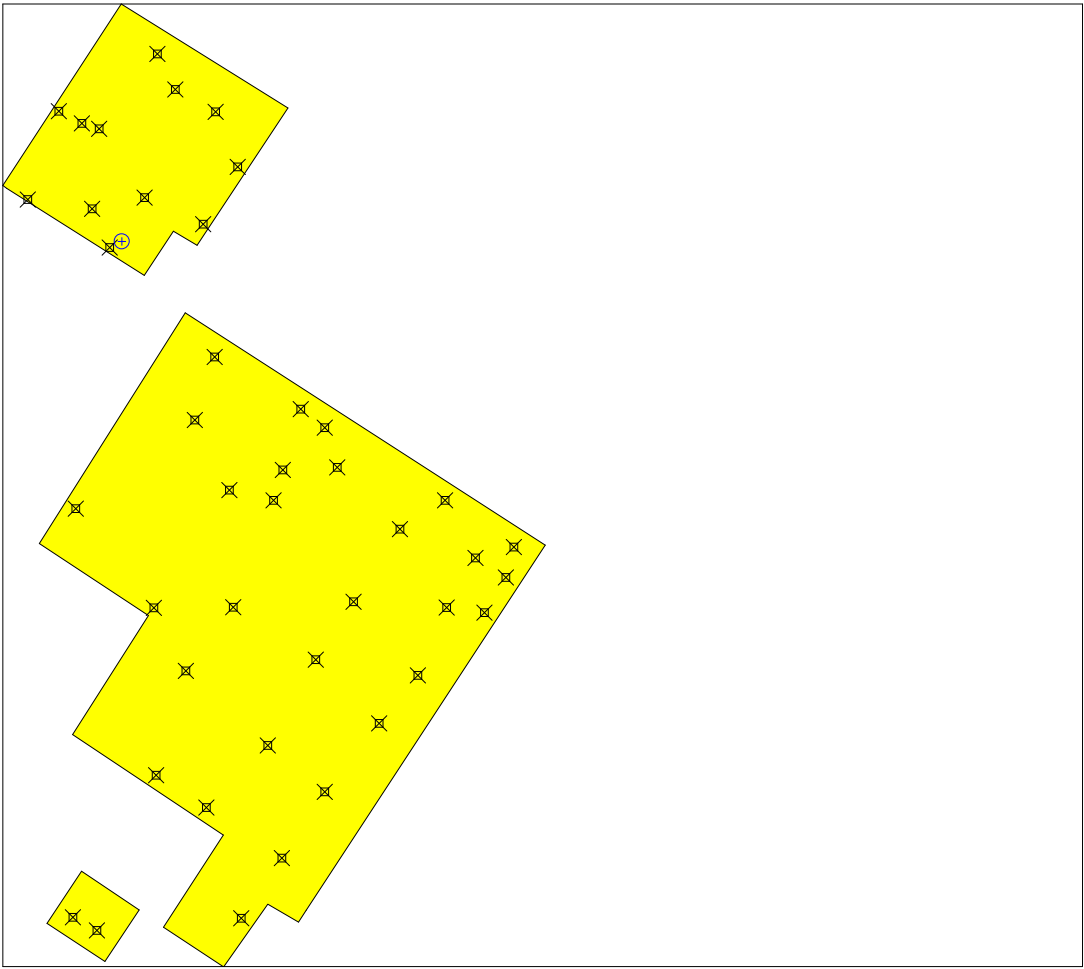
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.043	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.192	Manual	T
679192.6469	3083183.8817	J-13S	0.0385	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	0.0385	Manual	T
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679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	0.0395	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.04	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	0.042	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.0405	Manual	T
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679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	0.04025	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	0.044	Manual	T
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679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	0.042	Manual	T
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679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	0.0355	Manual	T
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	0.049	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	0.06	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric

approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

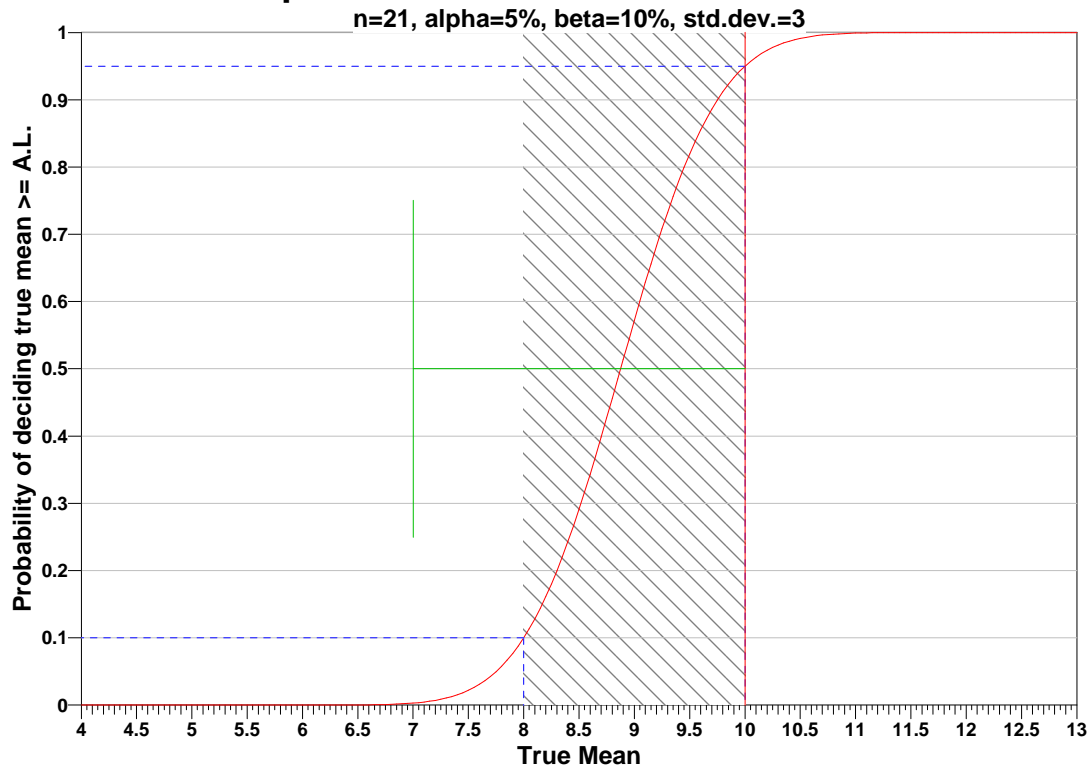
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=10		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	391	99	310	78	260	66
	$\beta=10$	310	79	238	60	194	49
	$\beta=15$	261	67	195	50	156	40
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	99	26	78	21	66	17
	$\beta=10$	79	21	60	16	49	13
	$\beta=15$	67	18	50	13	40	11
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	45	13	36	10	30	8

$\beta=10$	36	10	28	8	23	6
$\beta=15$	31	9	23	7	18	5

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

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Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

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10	0.0385	0.03875	0.039	0.039	0.03925	0.0395	0.0395	0.04	0.04	0.04025
20	0.0405	0.041	0.041	0.0415	0.0415	0.04175	0.042	0.042	0.0425	0.043
30	0.044	0.044	0.0445	0.049	0.06	0.06	0.1225	0.192	0.37	0.375
40	0.385	0.405	0.415	0.425	0.813					

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	45
Min	0
Max	0.813
Range	0.813
Mean	0.11006
Median	0.041
Variance	0.026624
StdDev	0.16317
Std Error	0.024324
Skewness	2.6131
Interquartile Range	0.015875

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.0358	0.0375	0.03863	0.041	0.0545	0.393	0.422	0.813

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	4.259	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 4.259 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	0.813

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5227
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

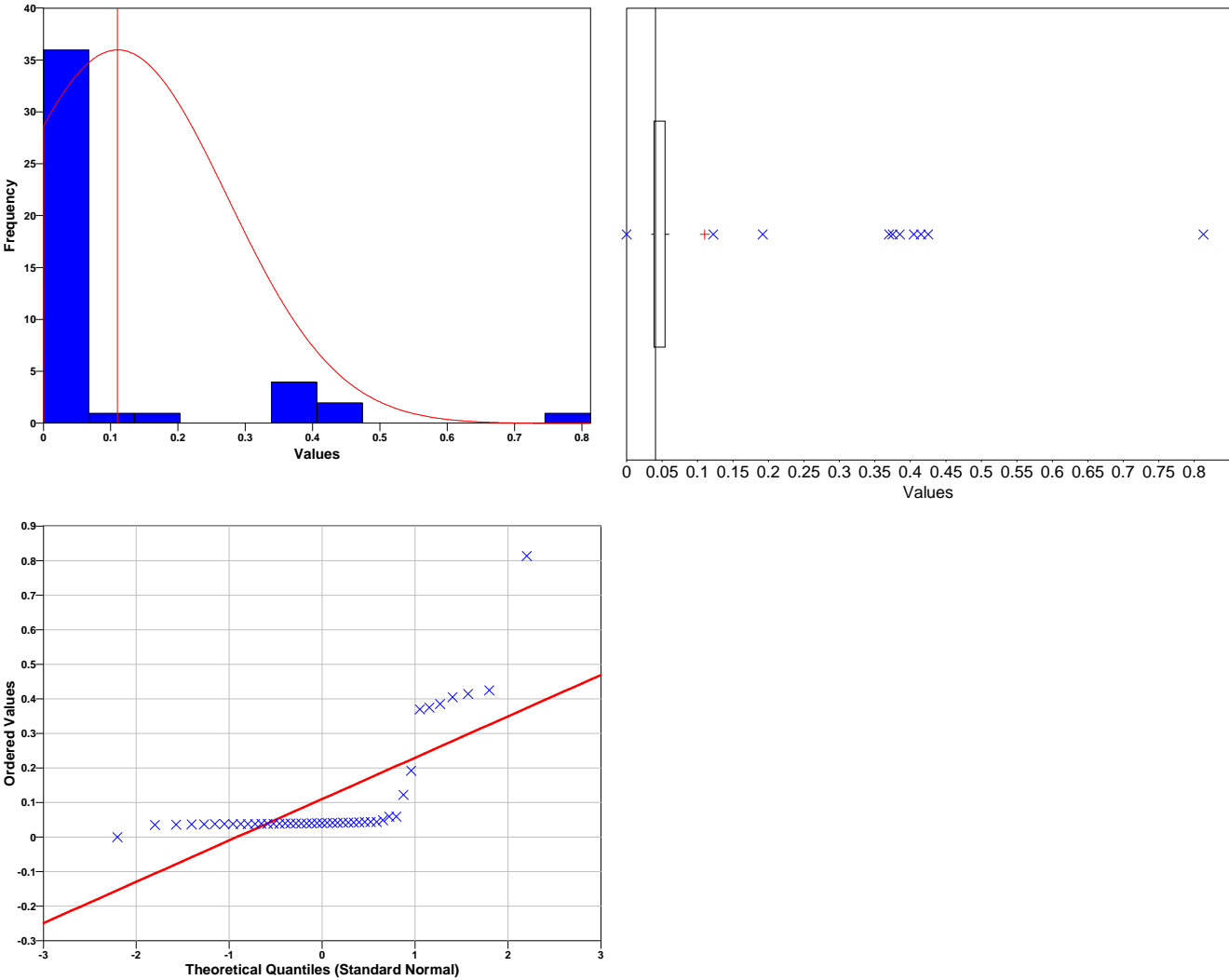
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The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5367
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.945

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.1509
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.2161

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.2161) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=45 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (10),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=44 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-406.6	1.6802	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
45	28	Reject

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Area: Area 1

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679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	0.0385	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	0.041	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	0.0395	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0.04	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0.042	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0.0405	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	0.415	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	0.37	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0.405	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0.039	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	0.0375	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0.375	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0.04175	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0.03925	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	0.041	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	0.0415	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	0.039	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	0.0445	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	0.04025	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	0.044	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	0.0385	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	0.06	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	0.04	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	0.042	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	0.038	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	0.0375	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	0.0425	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0.0395	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	0.0355	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	0.049	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	0.06	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	0.044	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	0.0365	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	0.1225	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0.425	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.0415	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.03875	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0.385	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0.038	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0.813	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.038	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.043	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.192	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

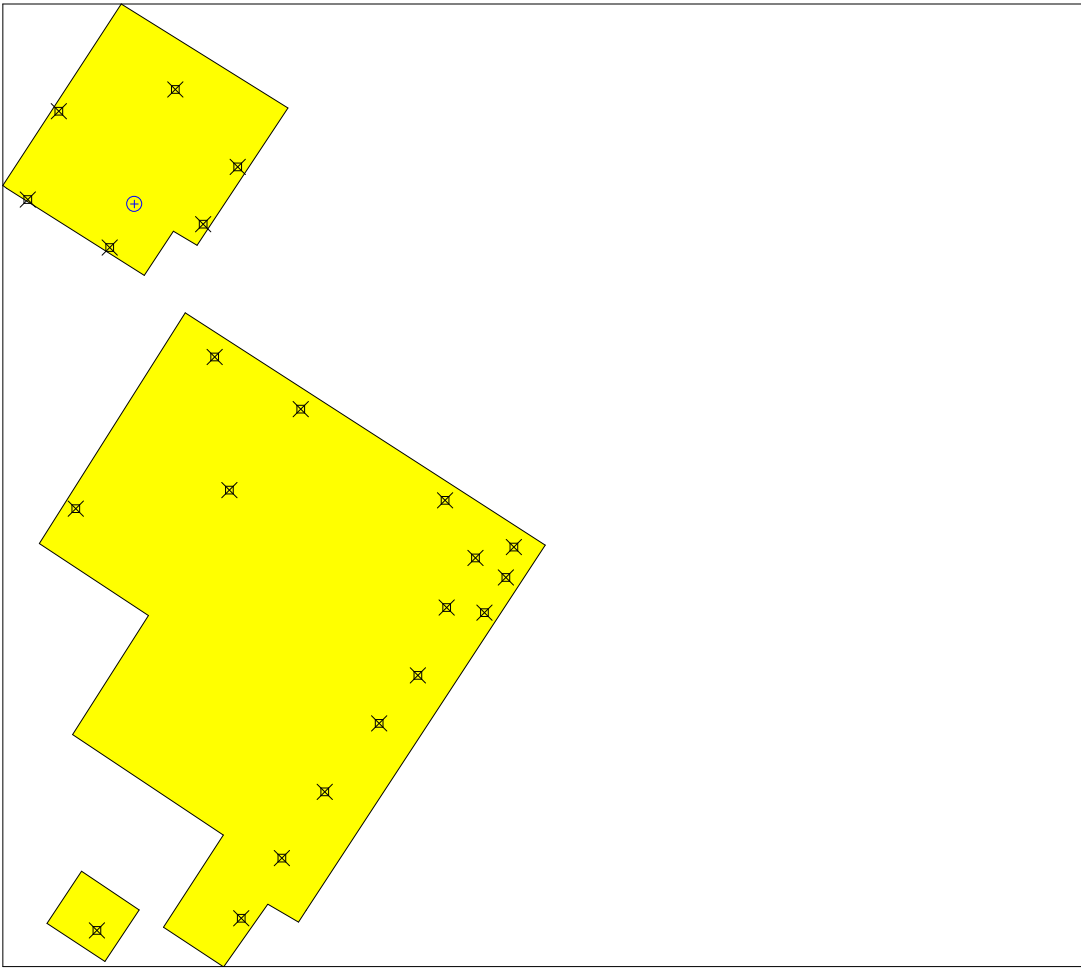
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

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679133.4290	3083306.3130	TW01-01	1.4	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	TW01-02	1.4	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	TW01-07	1.4	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	1.4	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	1.4	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	1.4	Manual	T
679204.3747	3083219.2557	J-42SD	3.4	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	3.4	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	1.4	Manual	T
679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	1.4	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	1.4	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	1.4	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	10	Manual	T

679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	1.4	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	1.4	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	TW01-34	19.5	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	1.4	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	TW01-36	1.4	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	TW01-37	8.7	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	5.7	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	7.2	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	4.4	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	1.4	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability ($1-\beta$) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} (Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n is the number of samples,
- S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is $1-\alpha$,
- $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is $1-\beta$.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

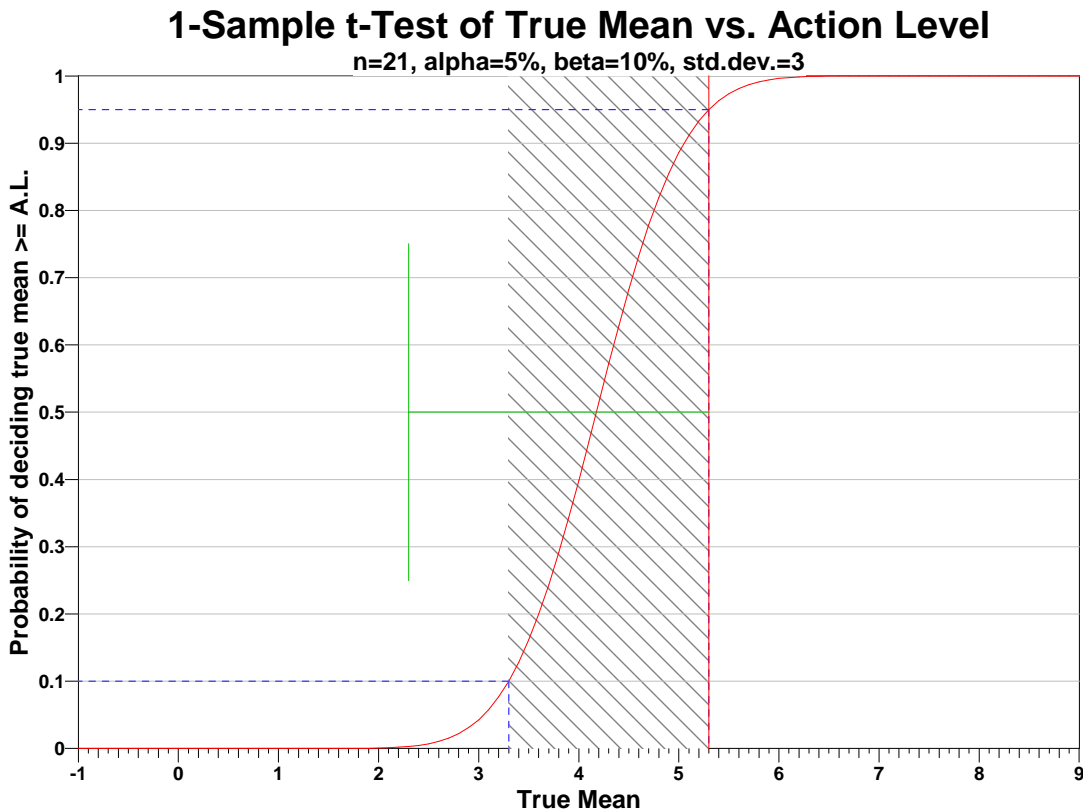
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α .

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β .

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at $1-\alpha$ on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at $1-\alpha$. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=5.3		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	1389	349	1099	276	922	231
	$\beta=10$	1099	276	843	212	690	173
	$\beta=15$	923	232	690	173	552	139
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	349	89	276	70	231	59
	$\beta=10$	276	70	212	54	173	44
	$\beta=15$	232	59	173	44	139	35
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	156	40	123	32	103	27
	$\beta=10$	124	32	95	25	78	20
	$\beta=15$	104	27	78	20	62	16

s = Standard Deviation
LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
10	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	3.4	3.4	4.4	5.7
20	7.2	8.7	10	19.5						

SUMMARY STATISTICS

n				24				
Min				0				
Max				19.5				
Range				19.5				
Mean				3.4708				
Median				1.4				
Variance				18.393				
StdDev				4.2887				
Std Error				0.87542				
Skewness				2.6629				
Interquartile Range				2.75				
Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.35	1.4	1.4	1.4	4.15	9.35	17.13	19.5

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0.16092
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic does not exceed the critical value, so the test cannot reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 0 is not an outlier at the 5% significance level.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5897
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 0, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

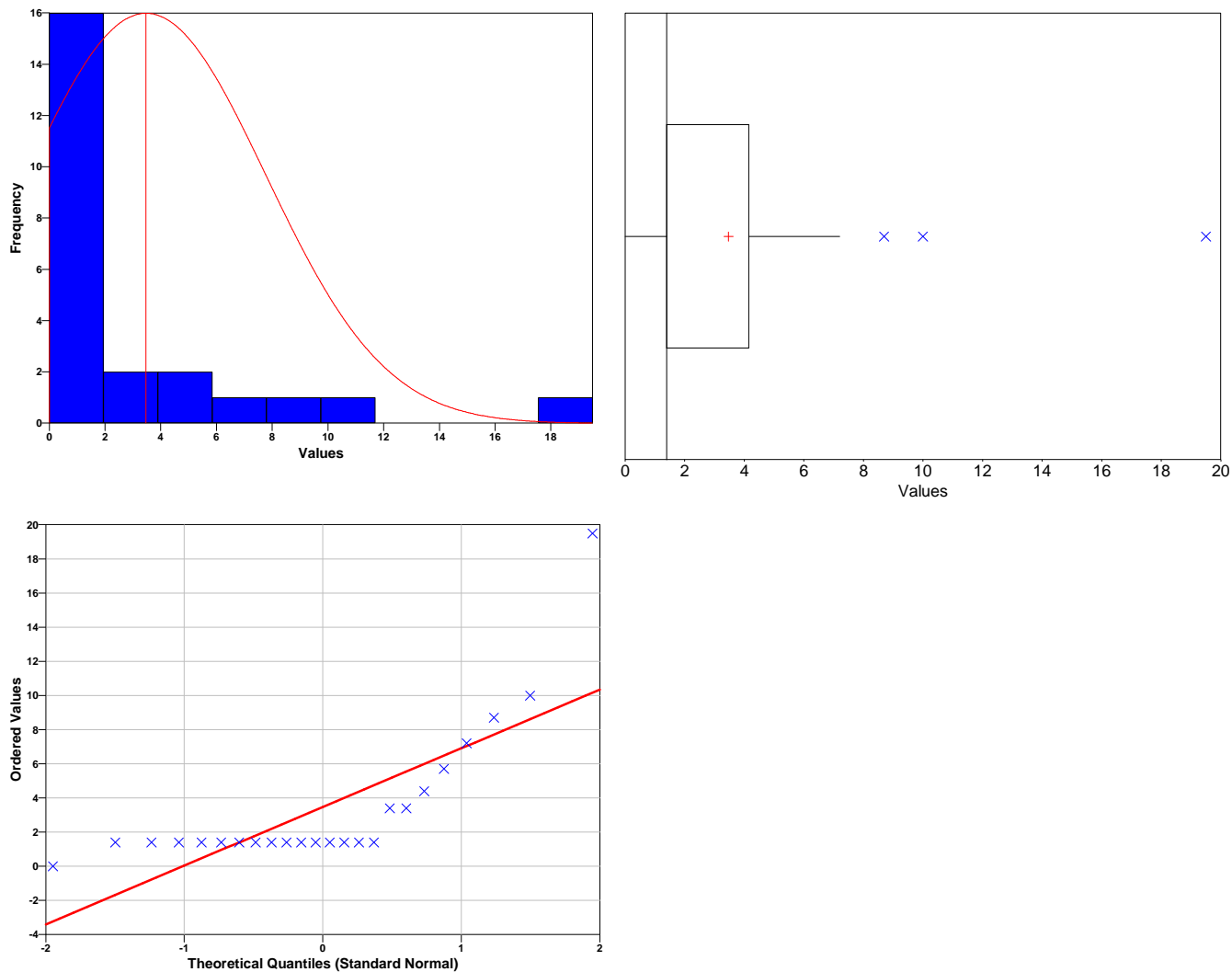
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The

sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution.

The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.6214
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.916

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	4.971
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	7.287

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (7.287) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=24 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (5.3),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=23 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-2.0895	1.7139	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
19	16	Reject

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679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-13	1.4	Manual	
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-14	1.4	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-17	1.4	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-18	10	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-27	1.4	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-33	1.4	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-34	19.5	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-35	1.4	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-36	1.4	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-37	8.7	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-38	5.7	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-39	7.2	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-40	4.4	Manual	
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-41	1.4	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-01	1.4	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-02	1.4	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-07	1.4	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-08	1.4	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-11	1.4	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-12	1.4	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	35
Number of samples on map ^a	42
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$18,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	1.9	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	J-02S	3.8	Manual	T
679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	2.4	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	2.3	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	2.7	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	3.2	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	4.3	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	4.1	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	1.5	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	1.7	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	2.3	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	1.3	Manual	T
679177.4341	3083211.9079	J-13S	2.8	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	2.8	Manual	T
679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	1.8	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	3.5	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	2.6	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	2.3	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	4.2	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	26	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	2.1	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	1.5	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	2.5	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	3.6	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	3.1	Manual	T
679146.6460	3082549.7640	J-25S	4.2	Manual	T
679224.5850	3082683.1400	J-26S	1.9	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	3.2	Manual	T
679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	9.3	Manual	T
679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	2.3	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	2.7	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	1.7	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	2.7	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	5.9	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	1.9	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	2	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	6.8	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	6	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	5.7	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	1.6	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	J-40S	2.15	Manual	T
679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	6.3	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	35	3.9102	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

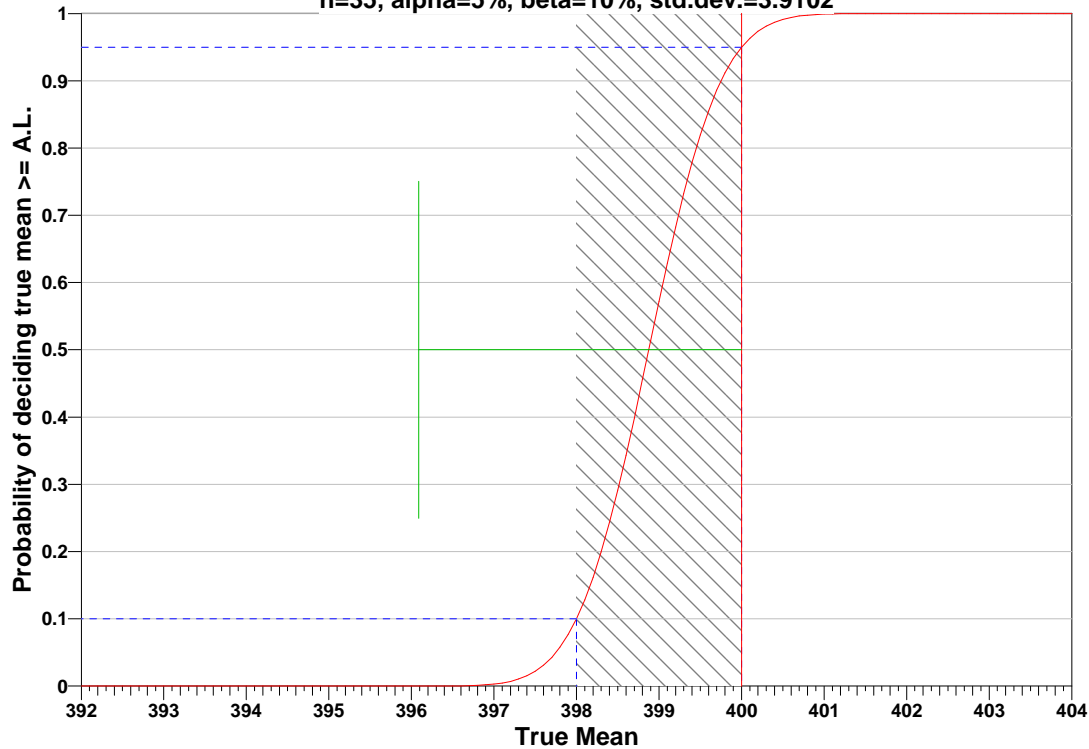
^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level

n=35, alpha=5%, beta=10%, std.dev.=3.9102



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=400		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=7.8204	s=3.9102	s=7.8204	s=3.9102	s=7.8204	s=3.9102
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	2	2	2	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	2	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	2	1	1	1
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1

$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$18,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$528.57. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	35 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$3,500.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$14,000.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$17,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$18,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
10	2	2.1	2.15	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6
20	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.6
30	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	5.7	5.9	6	6.3	6.8
40	9.3	26								

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	42
Min	1.3
Max	26
Range	24.7
Mean	3.7298
Median	2.7
Variance	15.29
StdDev	3.9102
Std Error	0.60336
Skewness	4.7844
Interquartile Range	2.15

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
1.3	1.5	1.63	1.975	2.7	4.125	6.21	8.925	26

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	5.695	3.06	Yes

The test statistic 5.695 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	26

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8333
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.941

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

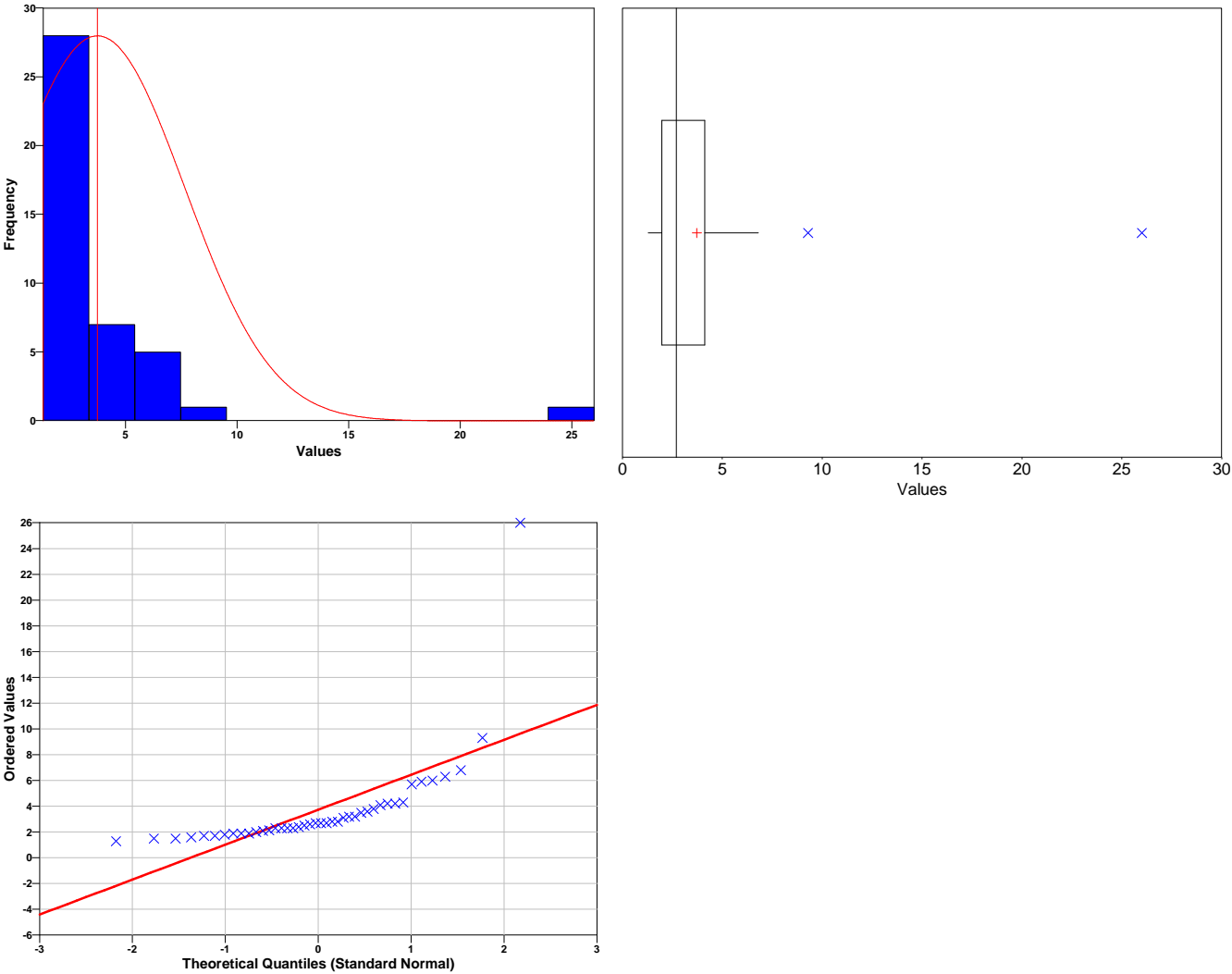
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.4909
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.942

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	4.745
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	6.36

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (6.36) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=42 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (400),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=41 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-656.77	1.6829	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
42	26	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	2.8	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	1.8	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	3.5	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	2.6	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	2.3	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	4.2	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	26	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	2.1	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	1.5	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	2.5	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	3.6	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	3.1	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	4.2	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	1.9	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	3.2	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	9.3	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	2.3	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	2.7	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	1.7	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	2.7	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	5.9	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	1.9	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	2	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	6.8	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	6	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	5.7	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	1.6	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	2.15	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	6.3	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	1.9	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	3.8	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	2.4	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	2.3	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	2.7	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	3.2	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	4.3	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	4.1	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	1.5	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	1.7	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	2.3	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	1.3	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

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The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	7	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	J-02S	4.6	Manual	T
679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	4.4	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	3.6	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	4.8	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	2.15	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	80.6	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	8.3	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	8.9	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	6.9	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	6	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	3.4	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	2.6	Manual	T

679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	55.8	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	18.9	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	9.8	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	16.1	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	80.7	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	19.75	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	17.1	Manual	T
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679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	5.1	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	18.8	Manual	T
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679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	8	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	6.9	Manual	T
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679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	9.2	Manual	T
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679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	8.3	Manual	T
679423.8261	3082715.5057		0	Random	

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$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
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 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
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 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
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 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

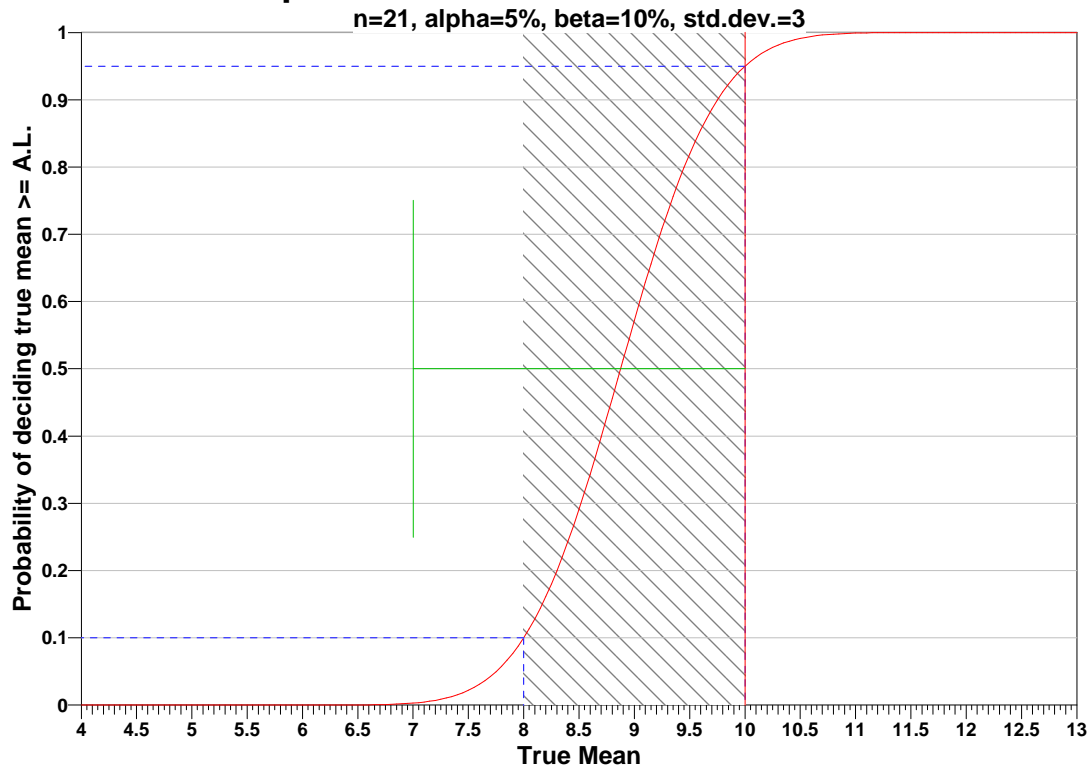
^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=10		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	391	99	310	78	260	66
	$\beta=10$	310	79	238	60	194	49
	$\beta=15$	261	67	195	50	156	40
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	99	26	78	21	66	17
	$\beta=10$	79	21	60	16	49	13
	$\beta=15$	67	18	50	13	40	11
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	45	13	36	10	30	8

$\beta=10$	36	10	28	8	23	6
$\beta=15$	31	9	23	7	18	5

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	2.021	2.15	2.45	2.6	2.6	3.4	3.6	3.7	4
10	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.4	6	6.1	6.7	6.9	6.9
20	7	7.2	8	8.3	8.3	8.9	9.2	9.8	9.9	10.4
30	11.6	12.7	14.75	16.1	17.1	17.7	18.8	18.9	19.75	20.9
40	22.45	23.8	55.8	80.6	80.7					

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	45
Min	0
Max	80.7
Range	80.7
Mean	13.379
Median	8
Variance	300.83
StdDev	17.345
Std Error	2.5856
Skewness	3.052
Interquartile Range	12.1

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	2.06	2.54	4.5	8	16.6	22.99	73.16	80.7

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	3.846	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 3.846 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	80.7

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.6126
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

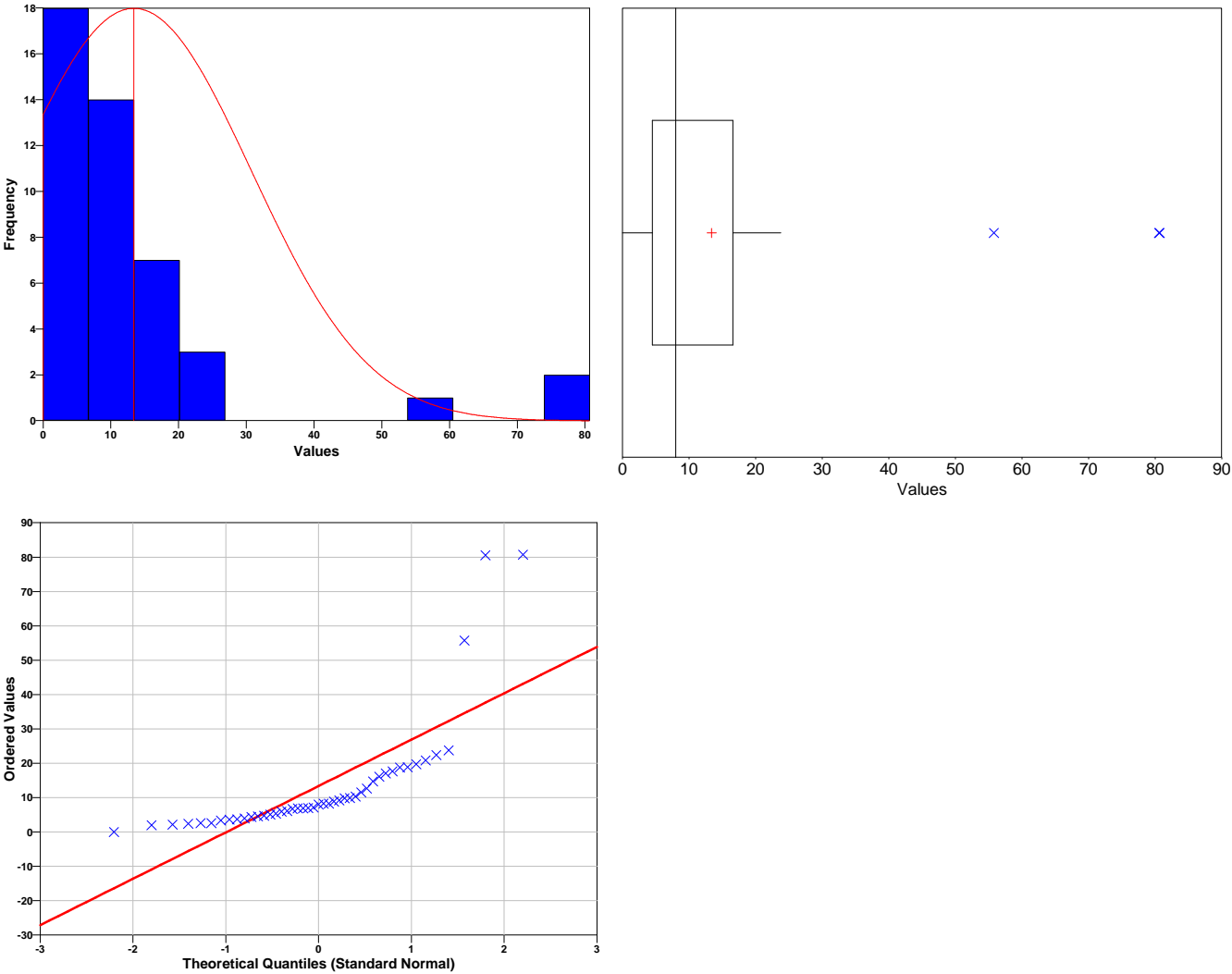
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5955
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.945

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	17.72
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	24.65

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (24.65) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=45 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (10),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=44 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
1.307	1.6802	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
29	28	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	2.6	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	55.8	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	18.9	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	9.8	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	16.1	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	80.7	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	19.75	Manual	
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679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	22.45	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	9.9	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	7.2	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	2.45	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	2.021	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	3.7	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	6.1	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	12.7	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	23.8	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	14.75	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	11.6	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	5.4	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	10.4	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	5.1	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	18.8	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	6.7	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	8	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	6.9	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	20.9	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	9.2	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	4	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	8.3	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	7	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	4.6	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	4.4	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	3.6	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	4.8	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	2.15	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	80.6	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	8.3	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	8.9	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	6.9	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	6	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	3.4	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

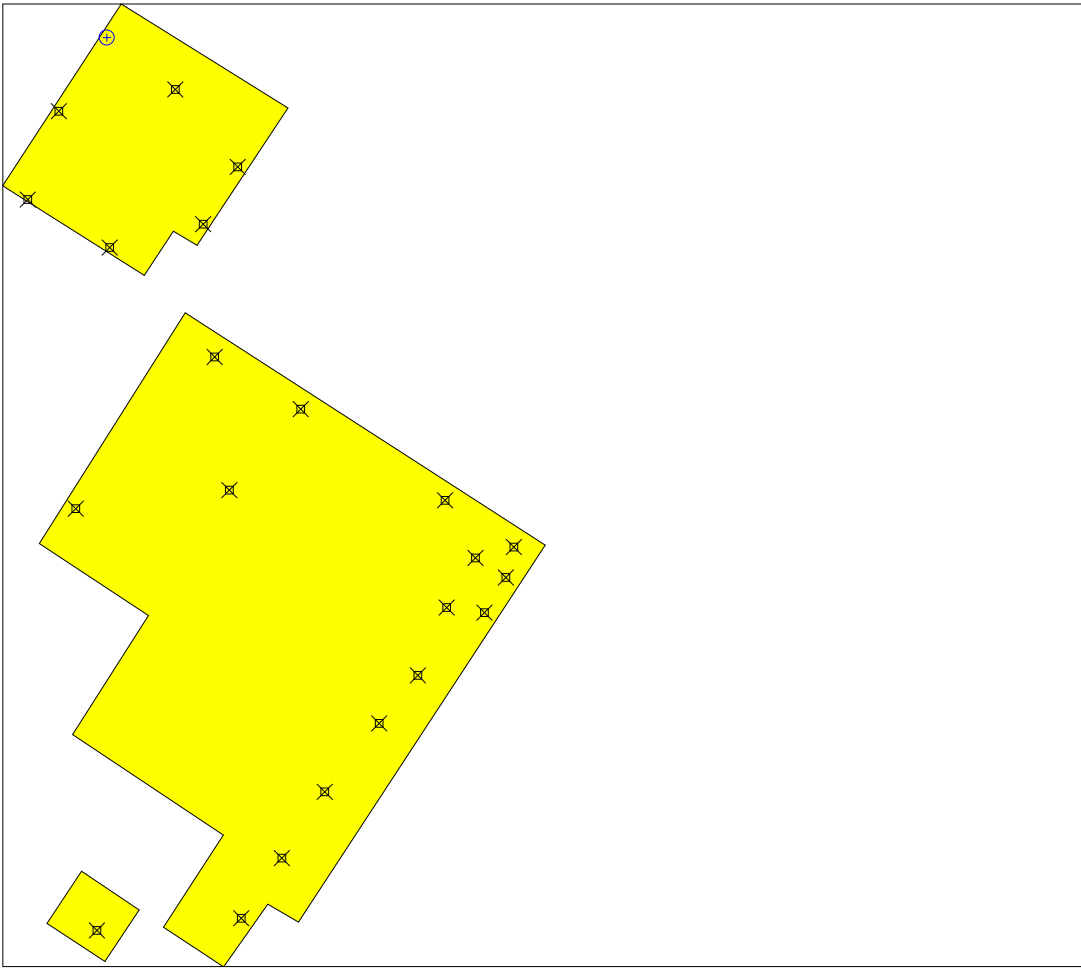
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



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X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	110	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	324	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	146	Manual	T
679178.6073	3083375.3828	J-42SD	8.2	Random	

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X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	8.2	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	11	Manual	T
679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	394	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	276	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	452.5	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	118	Manual	T

679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	352.5	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	2150	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	TW01-34	4120	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	826	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	TW01-36	2140	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	TW01-37	994	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	746	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	968	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	776	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	1010	Manual	T

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Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

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The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} (Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2 + 0.5Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n is the number of samples,
- S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is $1-\alpha$,
- $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is $1-\beta$.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

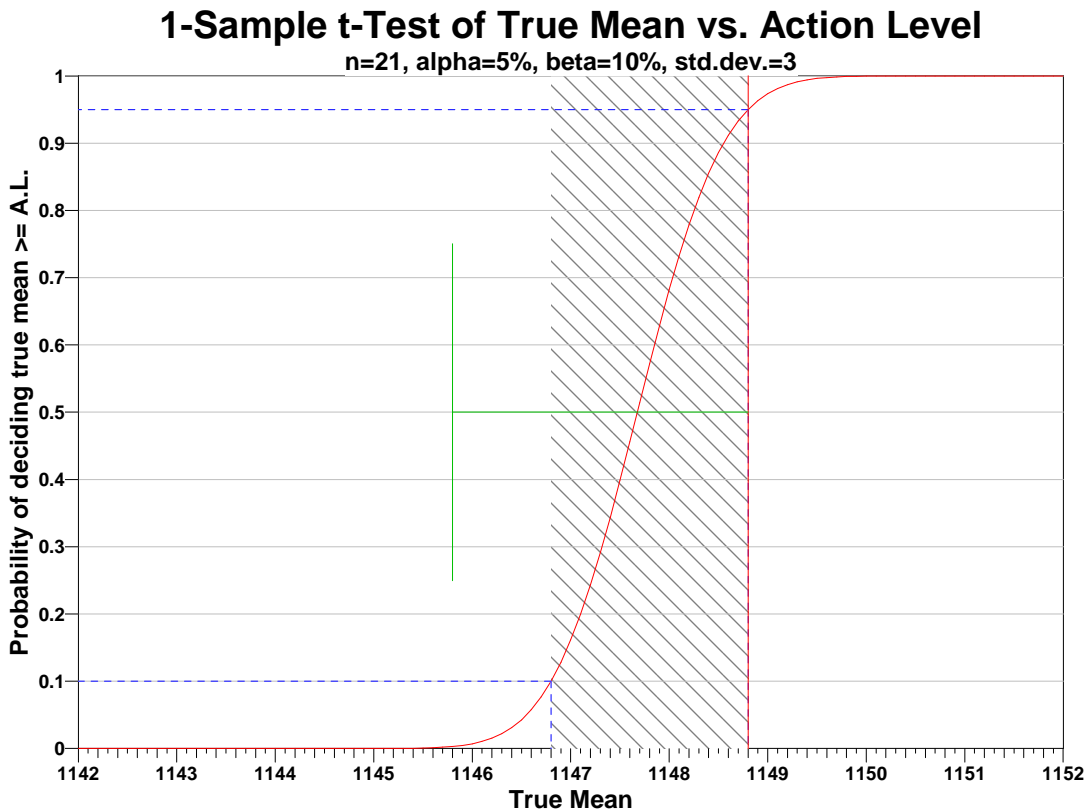
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α .

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β .

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Number of Samples							
AL=1148.8		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1

s = Standard Deviation
LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
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Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	8.2	8.2	11	110	111	118	139	146	170
10	276	324	352.5	394	452.5	746	776	826	968	994
20	1010	2140	2150	4120						

SUMMARY STATISTICS

n					24				
Min					0				
Max					4120				
Range					4120				
Mean					681.27				
Median					338.25				
Variance					8.9553e+005				
StdDev					946.32				
Std Error					193.17				
Skewness					2.4974				
Interquartile Range					819.75				
Percentiles									
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%	
0	2.05	8.2	112.8	338.3	932.5	2145	3628	4120	

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0.0051402
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic does not exceed the critical value, so the test cannot reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 0 is not an outlier at the 5% significance level.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.7045
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 0, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

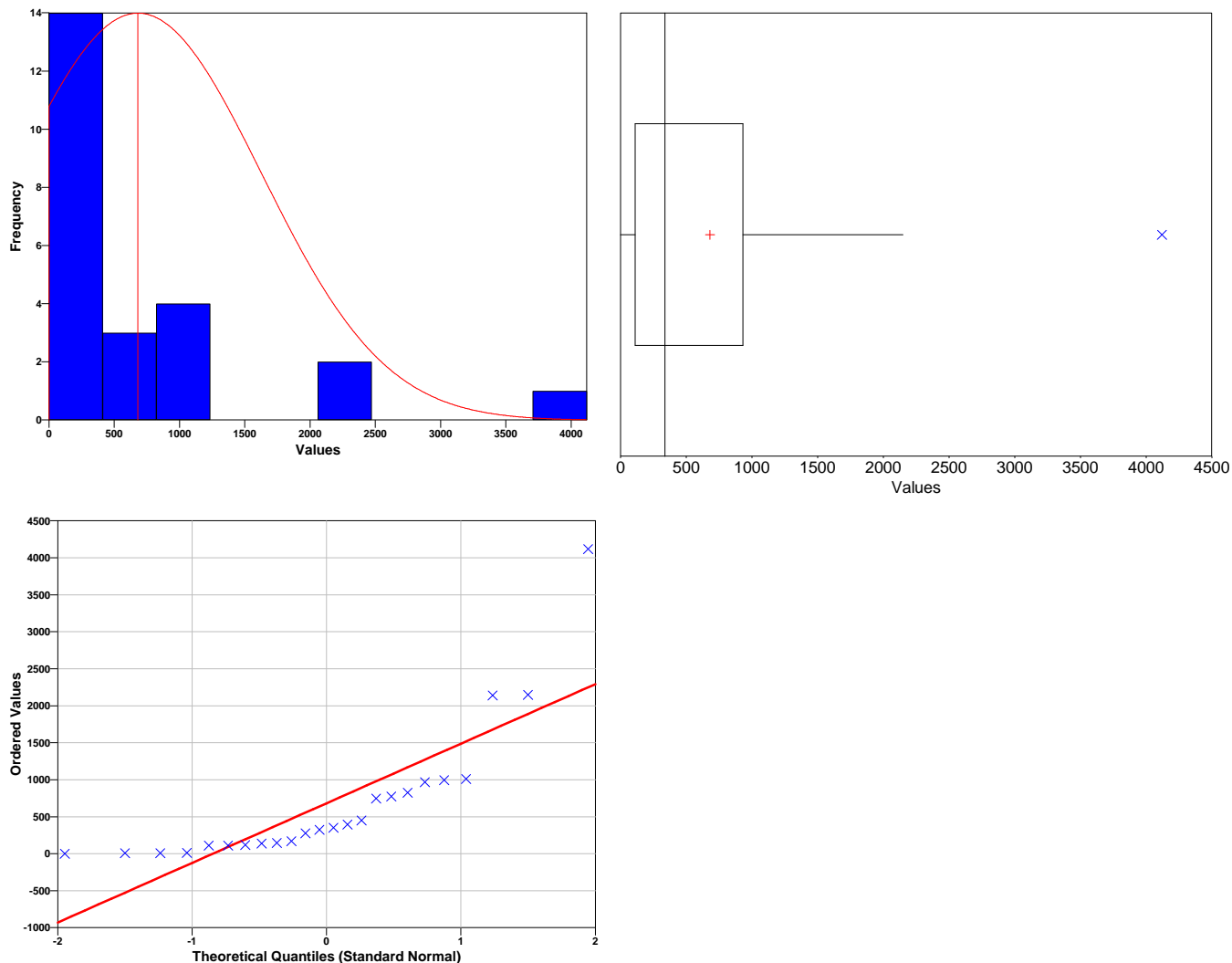
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The

sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution.

The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.6935
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.916

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	1012
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	1523

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (1523) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=24 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (1148.8),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=23 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-2.4204	1.7139	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
21	16	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	8.2	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	11	Manual	
679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-13394		Manual	
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-14276		Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-17452.5		Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-18118		Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-27352.5		Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-332150		Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-344120		Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-35826		Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-362140		Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-37994		Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-38746		Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-39968		Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-40776		Manual	
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-411010		Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-01139		Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-02170		Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-07111		Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-08110		Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-11324		Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-12146		Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

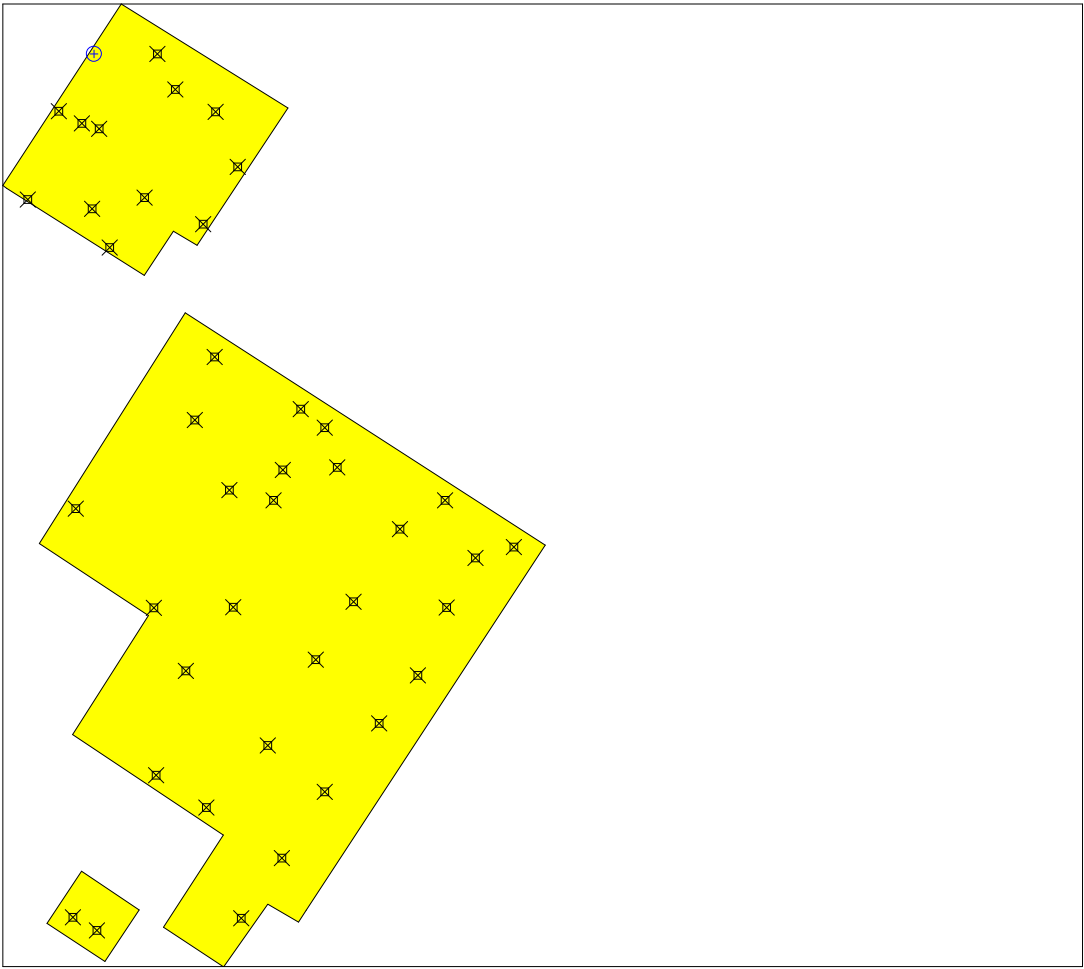
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	2
Number of samples on map ^a	42
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$2,000.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	0.0051	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	0.00043	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.0021	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.033	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	0.012	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	0.048	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	0.00036	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	0.00038	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.0017	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.59	Manual	T
679166.5462	3083359.9694	J-13S	0.0073	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	0.0073	Manual	T
679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	0.00038	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	0.013	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.0025	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	0.055	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.0048	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	0.0065	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	0.00044	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	0.00038	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	0.0045	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	0.0077	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	0.012	Manual	T
679146.6460	3082549.7640	J-25S	0.01	Manual	T
679224.5850	3082683.1400	J-26S	0.011	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	0.0072	Manual	T
679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	0.054	Manual	T
679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	0.0024	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	0.0043	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	0.0026	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	0.000365	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	0.0048	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	0.000385	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	0.0038	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	0.008	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	0.00035	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	0.0013	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	0.014	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	J-40S	0.0046	Manual	T
679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	0.0053	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

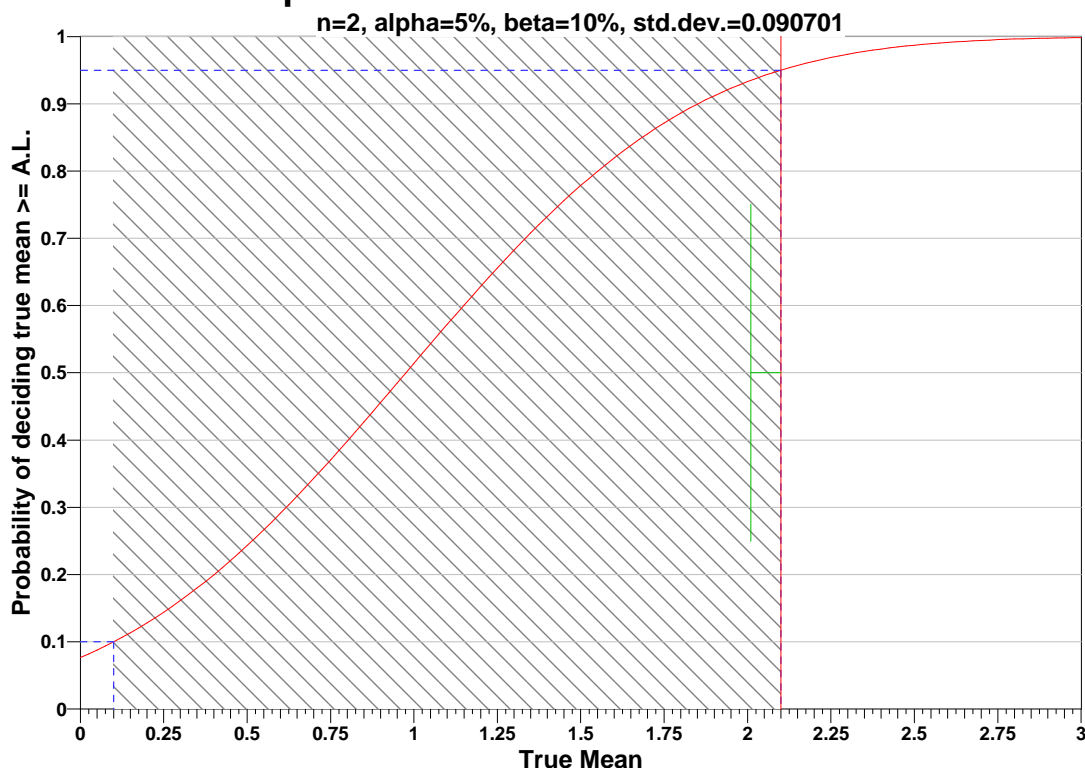
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	2	0.090701	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

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The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=2.1		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=0.181402	s=0.090701	s=0.181402	s=0.090701	s=0.181402	s=0.090701
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	10	4	8	3	6	2
	$\beta=10$	8	3	6	3	5	2
	$\beta=15$	7	3	5	2	4	2
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	4	2	3	2	2	1
	$\beta=10$	3	2	3	2	2	1
	$\beta=15$	3	2	2	2	2	1
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	3	2	2	1	2	1

$\beta=10$	3	2	2	1	1	1
$\beta=15$	2	2	2	1	1	1

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$2,000.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$1,000.00. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	2 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$200.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$2,000.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0.00035	0.00036	0.000365	0.00038	0.00038	0.00038	0.000385	0.00043	0.00044	0.0013
10	0.0017	0.0021	0.0024	0.0025	0.0026	0.0038	0.0043	0.0045	0.0046	0.0048
20	0.0048	0.0051	0.0053	0.0065	0.0072	0.0073	0.0073	0.0077	0.008	0.01
30	0.011	0.012	0.012	0.013	0.014	0.019	0.033	0.048	0.054	0.055
40	0.055	0.59								

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	42
Min	0.00035
Max	0.59
Range	0.58965
Mean	0.024364
Median	0.00495
Variance	0.0082266
StdDev	0.090701
Std Error	0.013995
Skewness	6.2046
Interquartile Range	0.0104

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0.00035	0.0003608	0.00038	0.0016	0.00495	0.012	0.0522	0.055	0.59

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	6.236	3.06	Yes

The test statistic 6.236 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	0.59

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.6339
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.941

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

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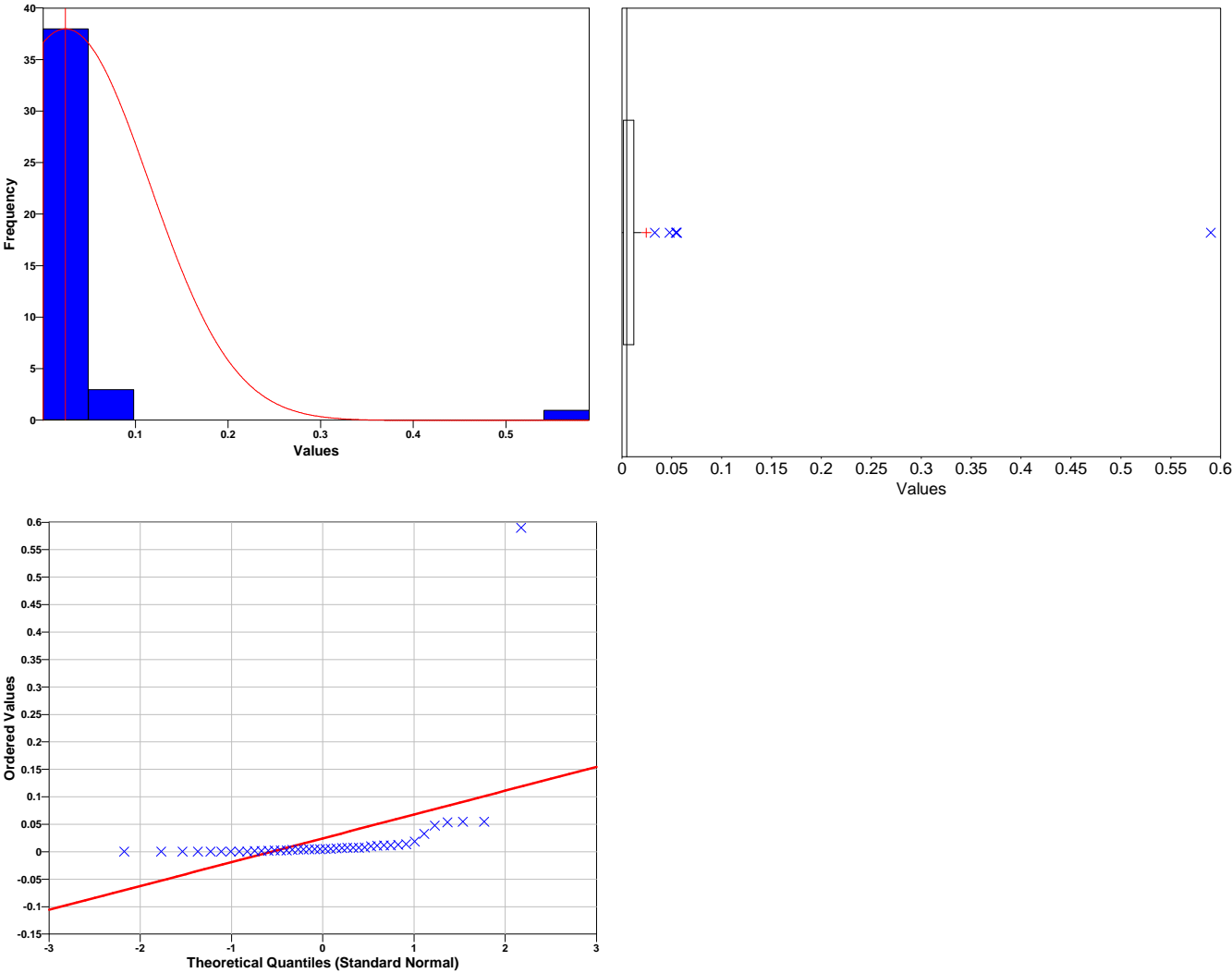
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Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.2569
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.942

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.04792
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.08537

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.08537) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=42 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (2.1),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=41 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-148.31	1.6829	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
42	26	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	0.0073	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	0.00038	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	0.013	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0.0025	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0.055	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0.0048	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	0.0065	Manual	
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679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0.00038	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0.0045	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	0.0077	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0.012	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0.01	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0.011	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	0.0072	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	0.054	Manual	
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679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	0.0043	Manual	
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679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	0.000365	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	0.0048	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	0.000385	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	0.0038	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	0.008	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	0.00035	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	0.0013	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	0.014	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0.0046	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	0.0053	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	0.019	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	0.0051	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0.00043	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.0021	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.033	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0.012	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0.048	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0.00036	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.00038	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.0017	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.59	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

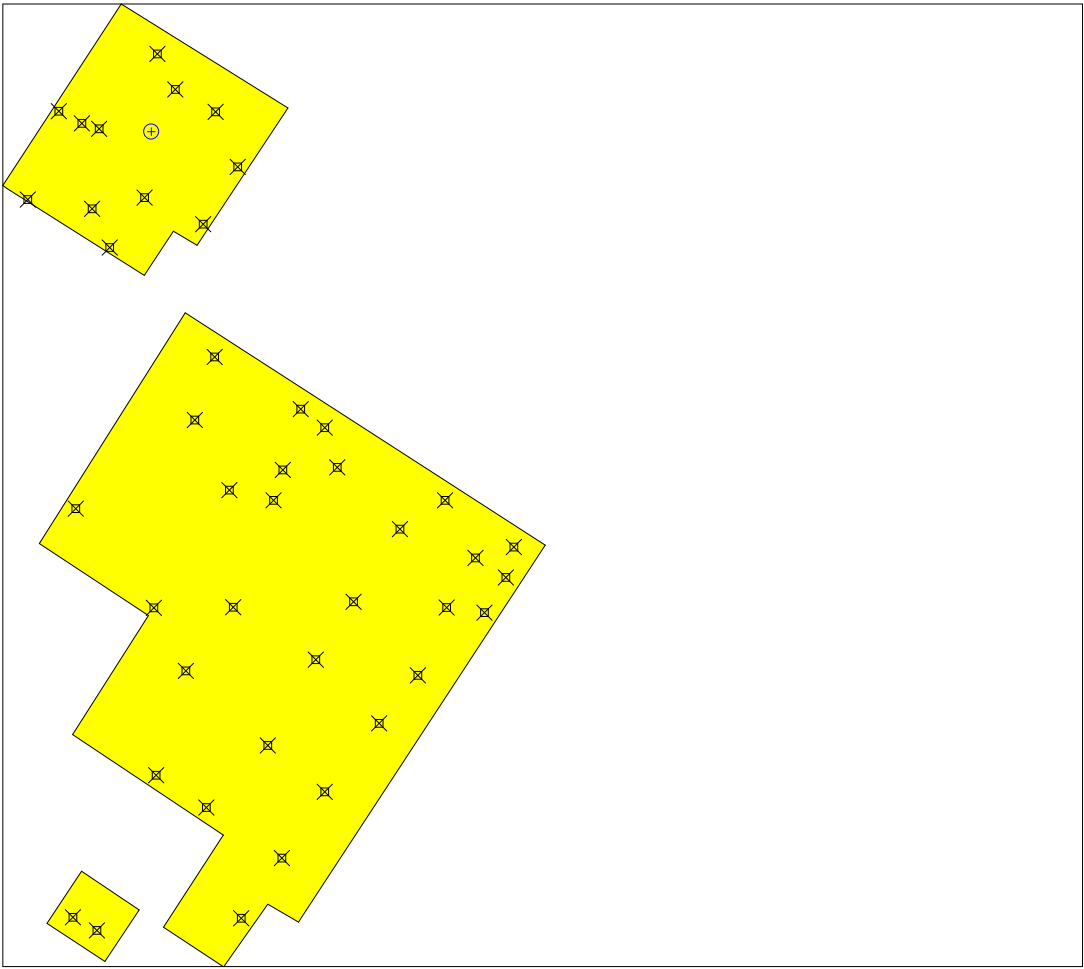
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



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679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.0037	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.0065	Manual	T
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Area: Area 3					
X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical

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679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	0.034	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	0.024	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	0.0088	Manual	T
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679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	0.013	Manual	T
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679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	0.0011	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	0.0022	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric

approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

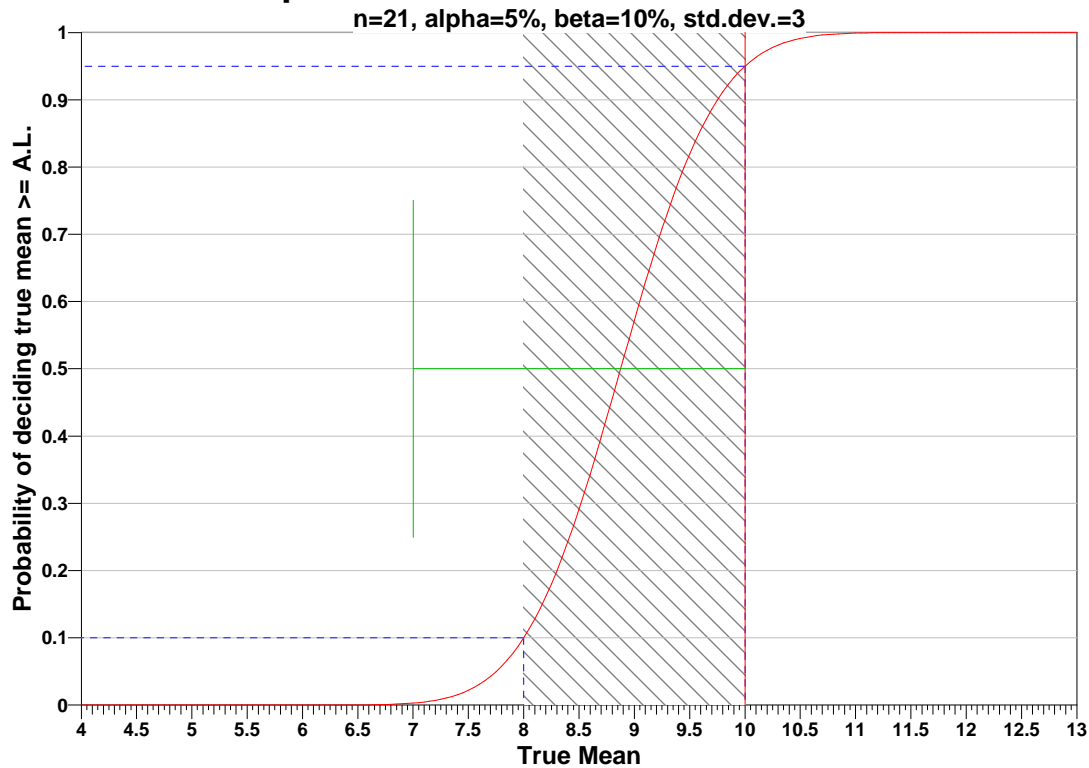
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=10		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	391	99	310	78	260	66
	$\beta=10$	310	79	238	60	194	49
	$\beta=15$	261	67	195	50	156	40
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	99	26	78	21	66	17
	$\beta=10$	79	21	60	16	49	13
	$\beta=15$	67	18	50	13	40	11
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	45	13	36	10	30	8

$\beta=10$	36	10	28	8	23	6
$\beta=15$	31	9	23	7	18	5

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0.000385	0.000385	0.0011	0.0013	0.0014	0.0014	0.0022	0.0031	0.0037	0.0047
10	0.00535	0.0054	0.0054	0.0065	0.0069	0.007	0.007	0.0072	0.0073	0.0076
20	0.0079	0.0083	0.0088	0.0093	0.0095	0.0096	0.011	0.012	0.013	0.013
30	0.013	0.014	0.016	0.016	0.019	0.0215	0.024	0.024	0.026	0.034
40	0.034	0.049	0.079	0.74						

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	44
Min	0.000385
Max	0.74
Range	0.73962
Mean	0.029482
Median	0.00855
Variance	0.012219
StdDev	0.11054
Std Error	0.016664
Skewness	6.4649
Interquartile Range	0.010638

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0.000385	0.0005638	0.00135	0.005363	0.00855	0.016	0.034	0.0715	0.74

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	6.428	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 6.428 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	0.74

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NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.7202
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

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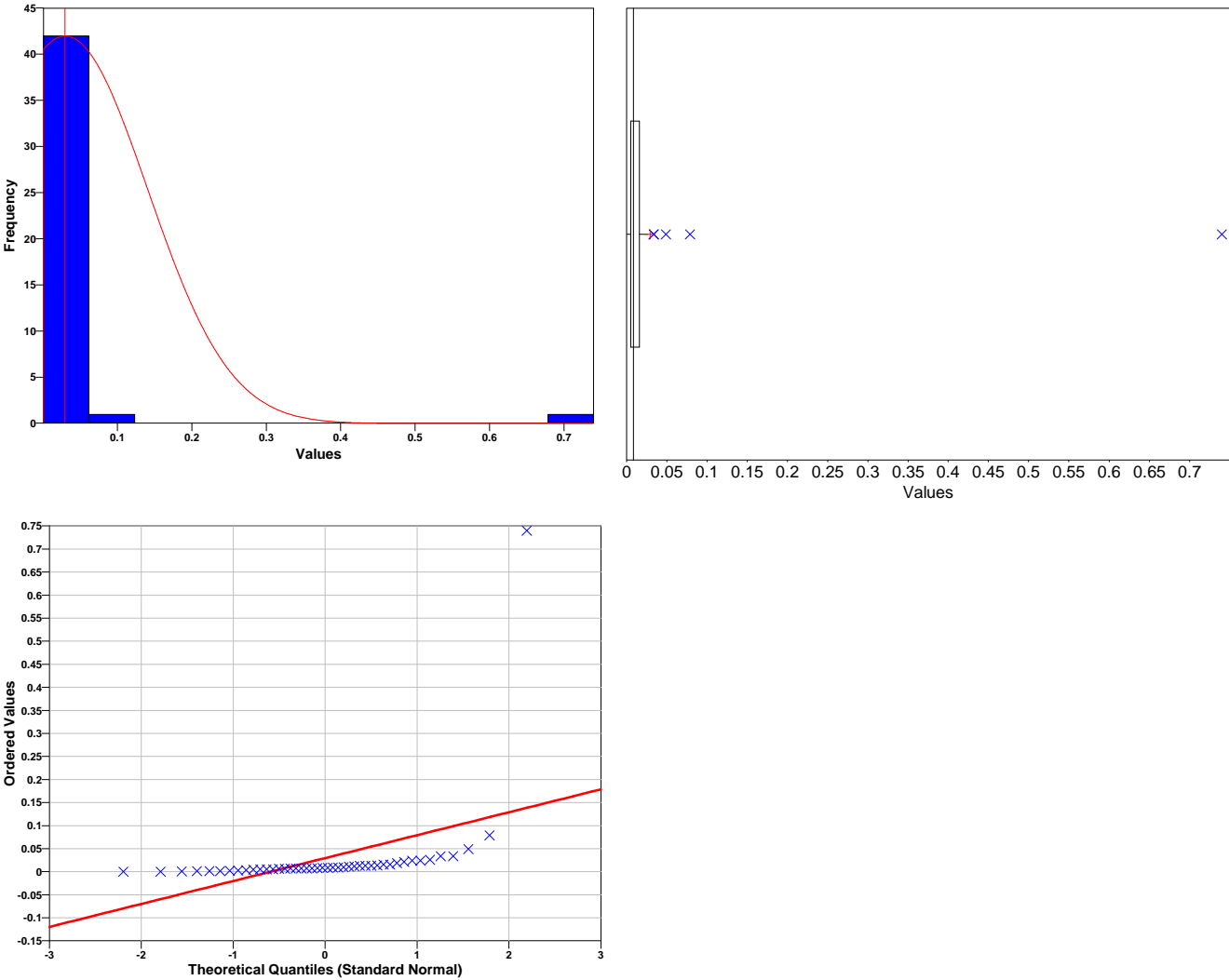
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NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.2336
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.944

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	0.0575
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	0.1021

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (0.1021) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=44 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (10),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=43 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-598.31	1.6811	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
44	27	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	0.000385	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	0.0054	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	0.011	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	0.034	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	0.024	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	0.0088	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	0.049	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	0.013	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	0.016	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	0.034	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	0.012	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	0.026	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	0.0095	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	0.0073	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	0.016	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	0.0093	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	0.014	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	0.024	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	0.0215	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	0.007	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	0.0076	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	0.079	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	0.0072	Manual	
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679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	0.0054	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	0.019	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	0.0079	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	0.013	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	0.0011	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	0.0022	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	0.0083	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	0.0069	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	0.0096	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	0.007	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.0014	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.00535	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	0.74	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	0.0014	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0.013	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.0047	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.0037	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.0065	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

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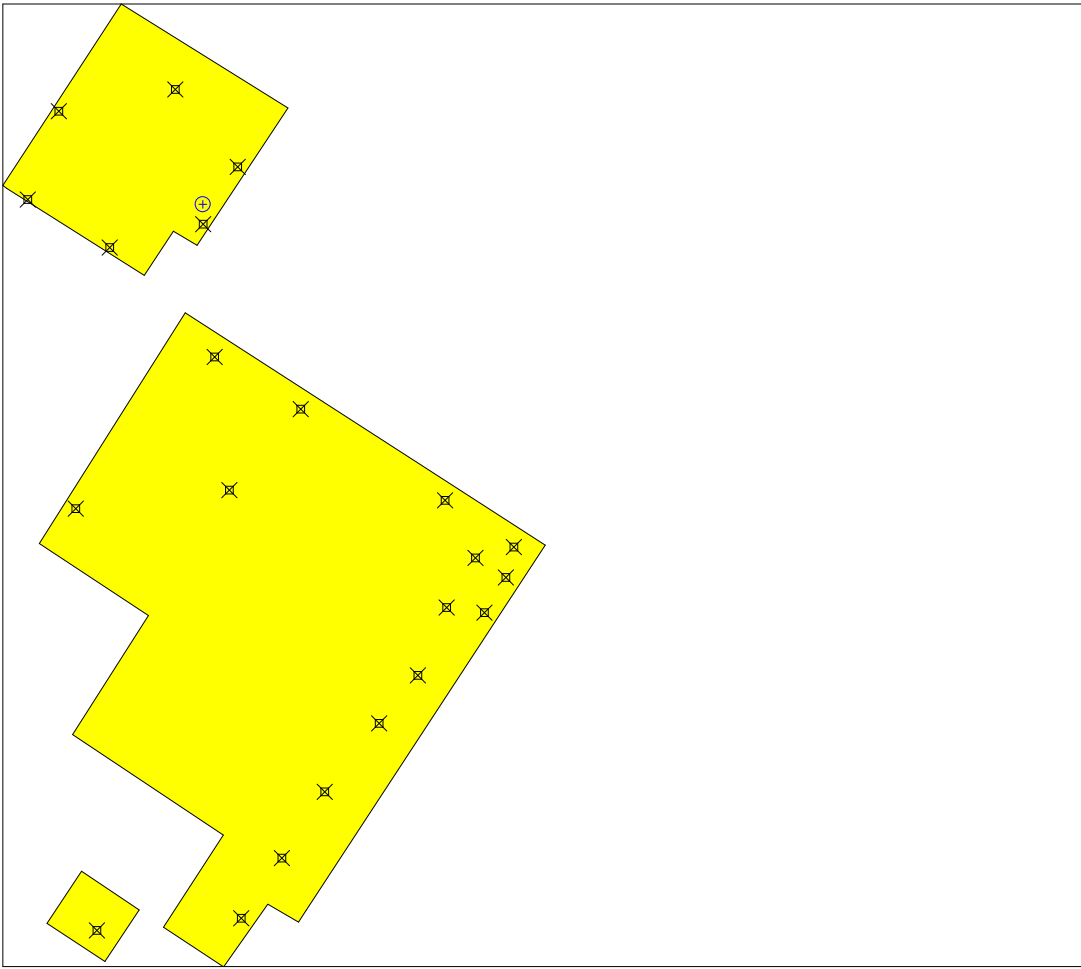
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

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679104.2450	3083223.2620	TW01-02	5.1	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	TW01-07	5.1	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	6.2	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	6.7	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	4.8	Manual	T
679268.6582	3083218.6677	J-42SD	2.9	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	2.9	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	2.7	Manual	T
679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	3.5	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	2.7	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	2.9	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	2.7	Manual	T

679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	3.5	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	3.7	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	TW01-34	4.2	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	4.8	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	TW01-36	2.7	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	TW01-37	2.7	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	2.7	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	2.7	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	2.7	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	4.1	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability ($1-\beta$) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} (Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n is the number of samples,
- S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is $1-\alpha$,
- $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is $1-\beta$.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

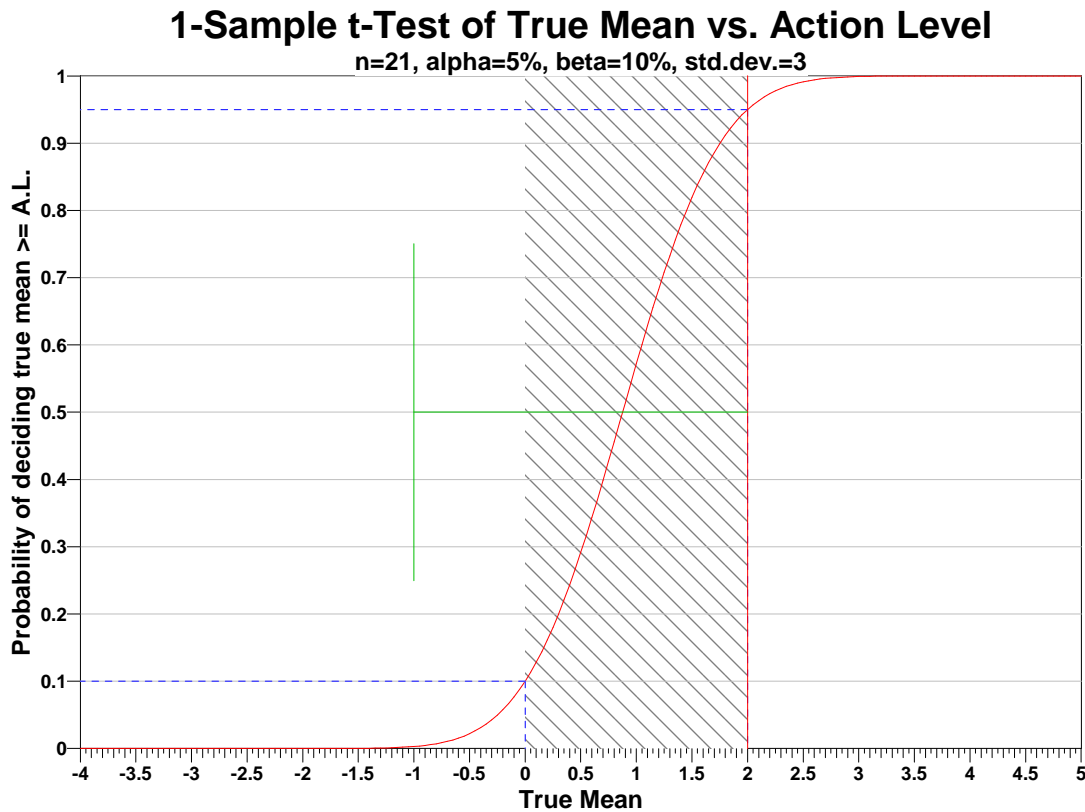
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α .

^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β .

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at $1-\alpha$ on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at $1-\alpha$. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=2		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	9742	2437	7709	1928	6471	1619
	$\beta=10$	7709	1929	5914	1479	4837	1210
	$\beta=15$	6472	1619	4837	1210	3868	968
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	2437	611	1928	483	1619	405
	$\beta=10$	1929	484	1479	371	1210	303
	$\beta=15$	1619	406	1210	304	968	243
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	1084	272	858	215	720	181
	$\beta=10$	858	216	658	166	538	135
	$\beta=15$	721	182	539	136	431	108

s = Standard Deviation
LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9
10	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.1
20	5.1	6.2	6.7							

SUMMARY STATISTICS

n					23				
Min					2.7				
Max					6.7				
Range					4				
Mean					3.7739				
Median					3.5				
Variance					1.5038				
StdDev					1.2263				
Std Error					0.2557				
Skewness					0.95556				
Interquartile Range					2.1				
Percentiles									
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%	
2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.5	4.8	5.76	6.6	6.7	

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic does not exceed the critical value, so the test cannot reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 2.7 is not an outlier at the 5% significance level.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8488
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 2.7, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

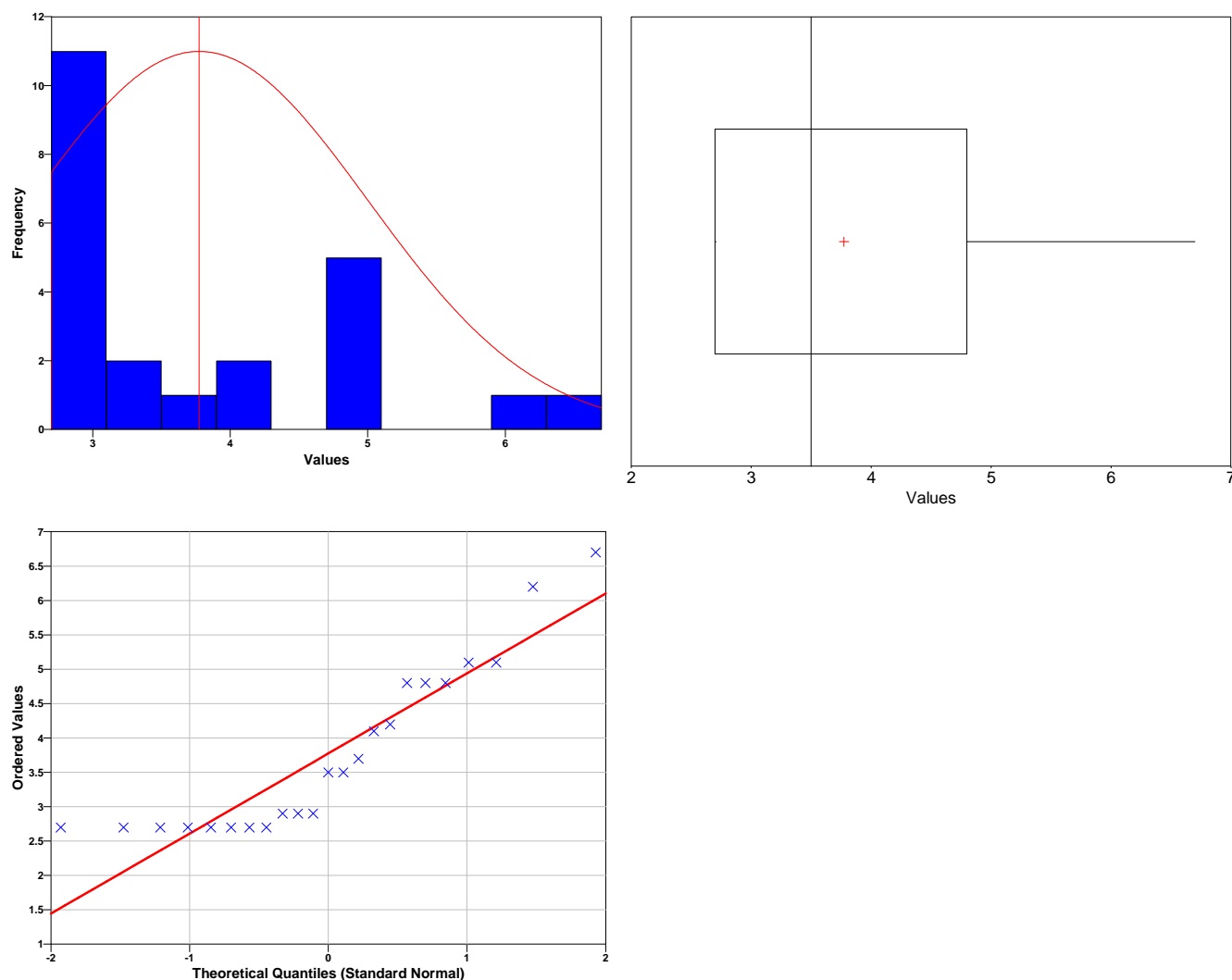
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The

sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution.

The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.834
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.914

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	4.213
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	4.888

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (4.888) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=23 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (2),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=22 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
6.9374	1.7171	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

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MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
0	15	Cannot Reject
Note: There may not be enough data to reject the null hypothesis (and conclude site is clean) with 95% confidence using the MARSSIM sign test.		

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679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-37	2.7	Manual	
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679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-39	2.7	Manual	
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679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-12	4.8	Manual	

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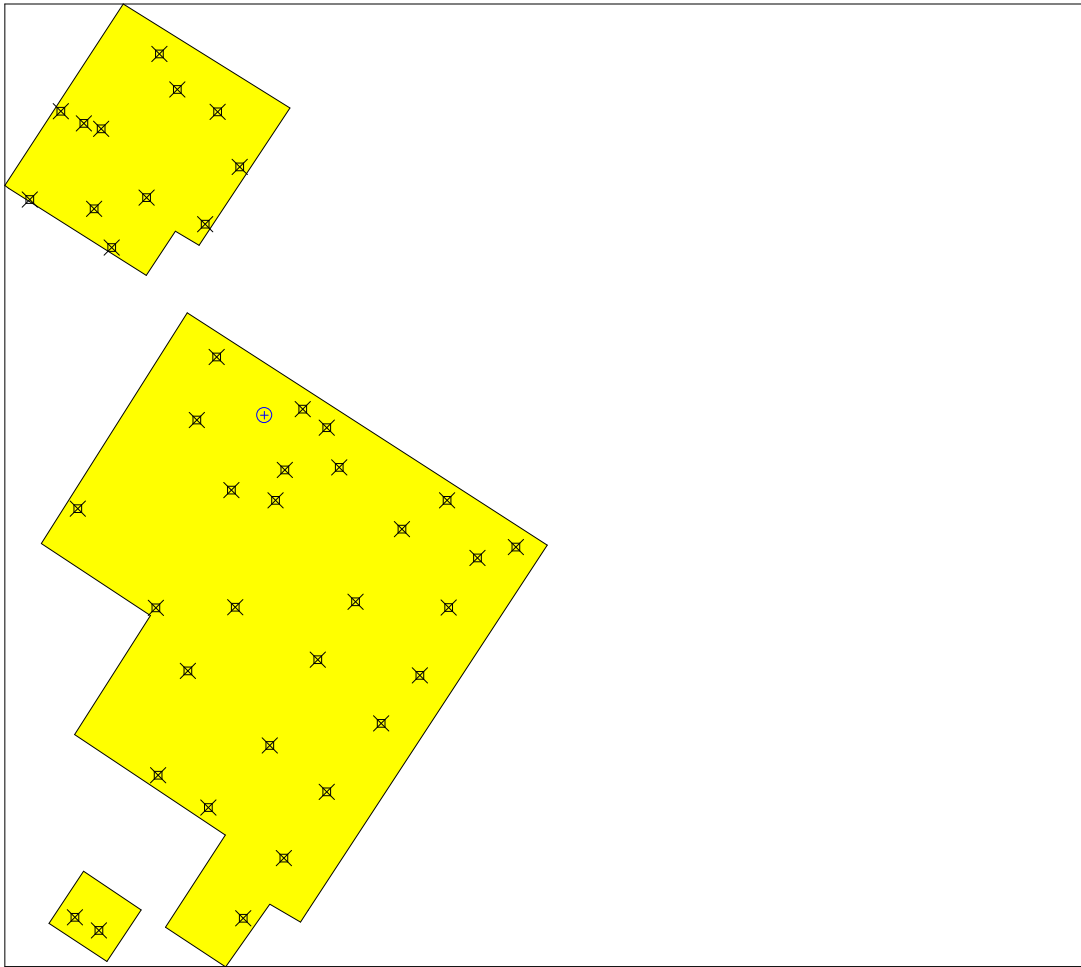
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Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	27
Number of samples on map ^a	42
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$14,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	0.97	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	J-02S	5	Manual	T
679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	1.7	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	1	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	0.77	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	5.3	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	7.1	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	5.7	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	0.95	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	0.83	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	0.89	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	0.65	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	6.9	Manual	T

679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	1.3	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	4.4	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	4.5	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	2.1	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	3.6	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	3.2	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	1.8	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	1.1	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	2.3	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	6.7	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	1.2	Manual	T
679146.6460	3082549.7640	J-25S	13.7	Manual	T
679224.5850	3082683.1400	J-26S	2.9	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	6	Manual	T
679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	13	Manual	T
679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	3.8	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	2.4	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	1.7	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	3.7	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	2	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	2.4	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	3.1	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	11	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	12.1	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	5.8	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	2.4	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	J-40S	1.95	Manual	T
679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	4.3	Manual	T
679324.2903	3083020.9402		0	Random	

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

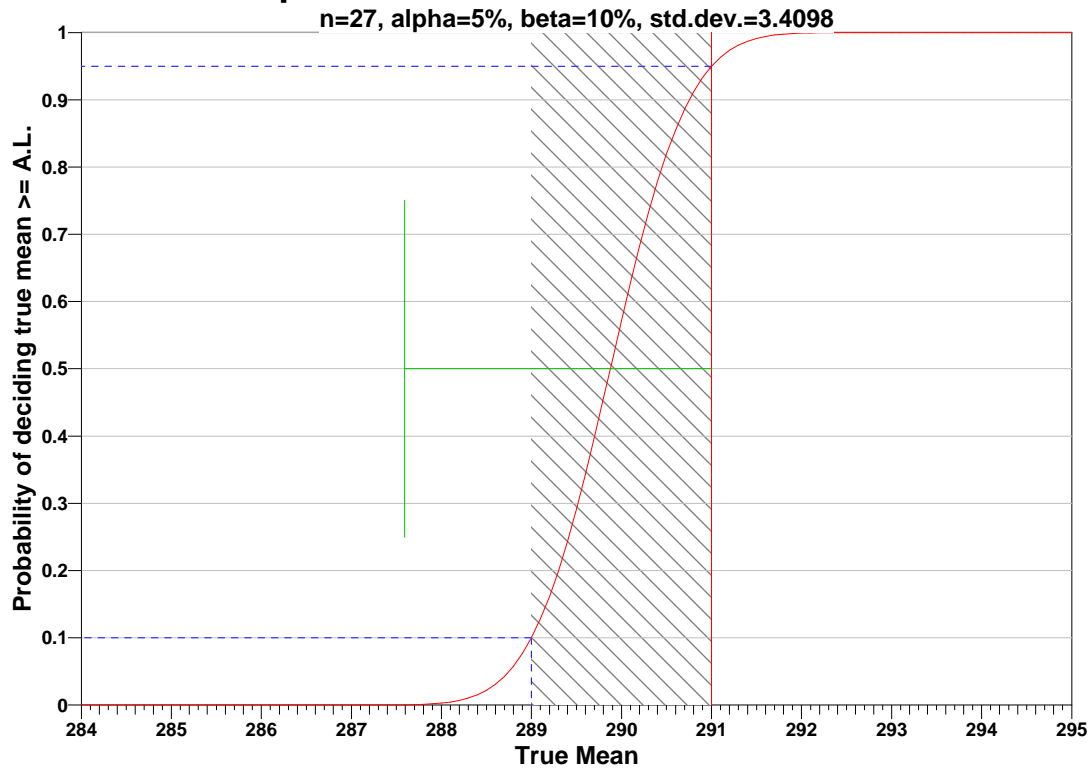
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		<i>S</i>	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	27	3.4098	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=291		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6.8196	s=3.4098	s=6.8196	s=3.4098	s=6.8196	s=3.4098
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	2	2	2	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	2	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	2	1	1	1
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1

$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$14,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$537.04. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	27 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,700.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$10,800.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$13,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$14,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.65	0.77	0.83	0.89	0.95	0.97	1	1.1	1.2
10	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.95	2	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4
20	2.4	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.8	4.3	4.4	4.5
30	5	5.3	5.7	5.8	6	6.7	6.9	7.1	11	12.1
40	13	13.7								

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	42
Min	0
Max	13.7
Range	13.7
Mean	3.8621
Median	2.65
Variance	11.626
StdDev	3.4098
Std Error	0.52614
Skewness	1.5405
Interquartile Range	4.125

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	0.668	0.848	1.275	2.65	5.4	9.83	12.87	13.7

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	2.885	3.06	No

None of the test statistics exceeded the corresponding critical values, therefore none of the 1 tests are significant and we conclude that at the 5% significance level there are no outliers in the data.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8408
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.941

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

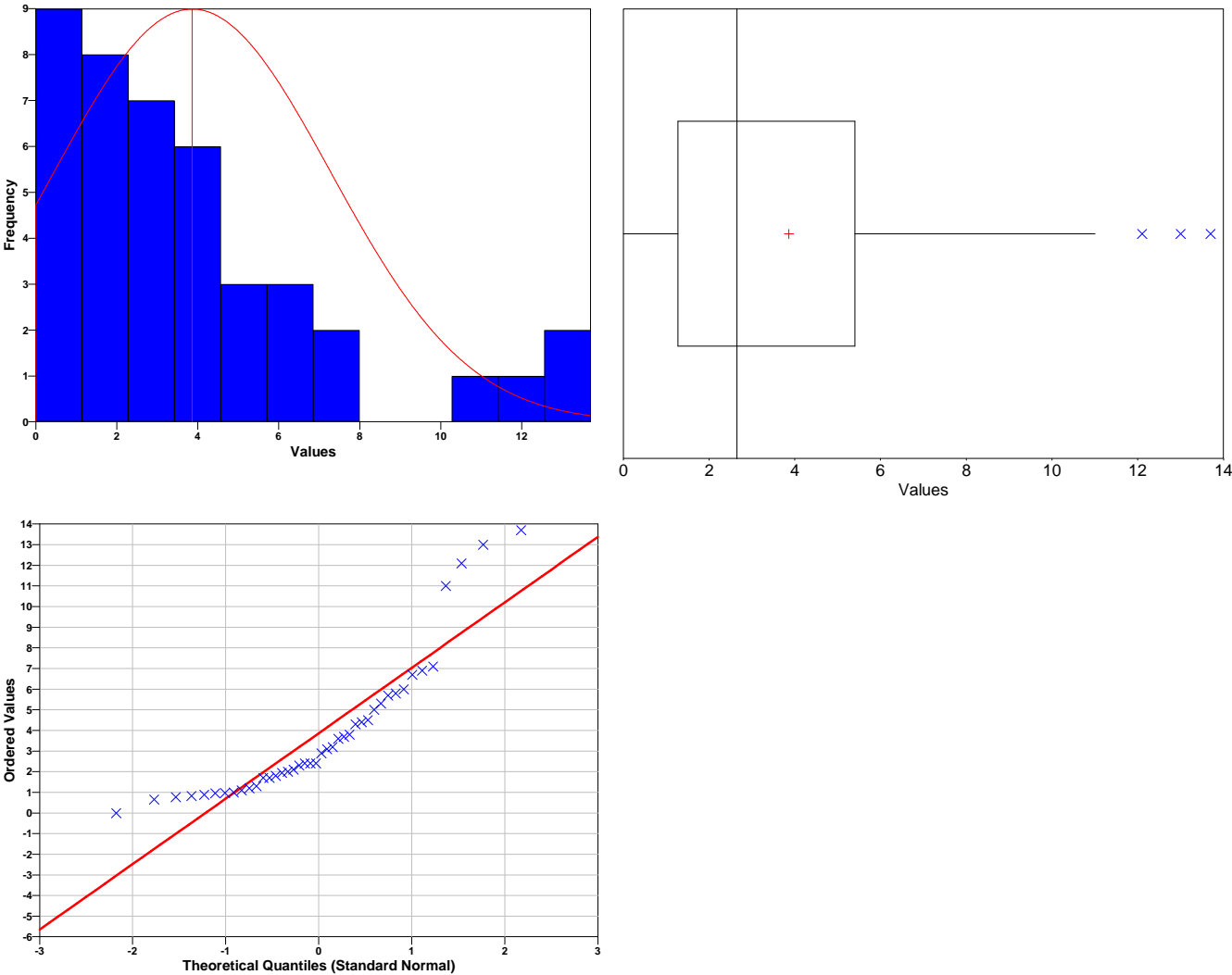
Data Plots

Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests
A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.7913
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.942

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean
Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that

assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	4.748
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	6.156

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (6.156) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=42 data,

AL is the action level or threshold (291),

SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=41 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-545.75	1.6829	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
42	26	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	6.9	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	1.3	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	4.4	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	4.5	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	2.1	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	3.6	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	3.2	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	1.8	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	1.1	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	2.3	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	6.7	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	1.2	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	13.7	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	2.9	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	6	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	13	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	3.8	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	2.4	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	1.7	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	3.7	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	2	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	2.4	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	3.1	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	11	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	12.1	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	5.8	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	2.4	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	1.95	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	4.3	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	0.97	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	5	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	1.7	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	1	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	0.77	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	5.3	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	7.1	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	5.7	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	0.95	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	0.83	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	0.89	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	0.65	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	4.7	Manual	T
679104.2450	3083223.2620	J-02S	1.1	Manual	T
679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	1.15	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	1.3	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	1.7	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	0.985	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	5.1	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	6.1	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	7.7	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	2.4	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	22.3	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	5.1	Manual	T
679132.4126	3083226.0123	J-13S	2.4	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	2.4	Manual	T
679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	4.1	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	2.1	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	4.5	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	10.6	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	4.1	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	5.25	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	5.8	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	4.9	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	6.85	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	9.6	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	2.3	Manual	T
679146.6460	3082549.7640	J-25S	1.6	Manual	T
679224.5850	3082683.1400	J-26S	2.925	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	3.5	Manual	T
679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	6.6	Manual	T
679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	12.8	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	16.6	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	17.25	Manual	T
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- where
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 - S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
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 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

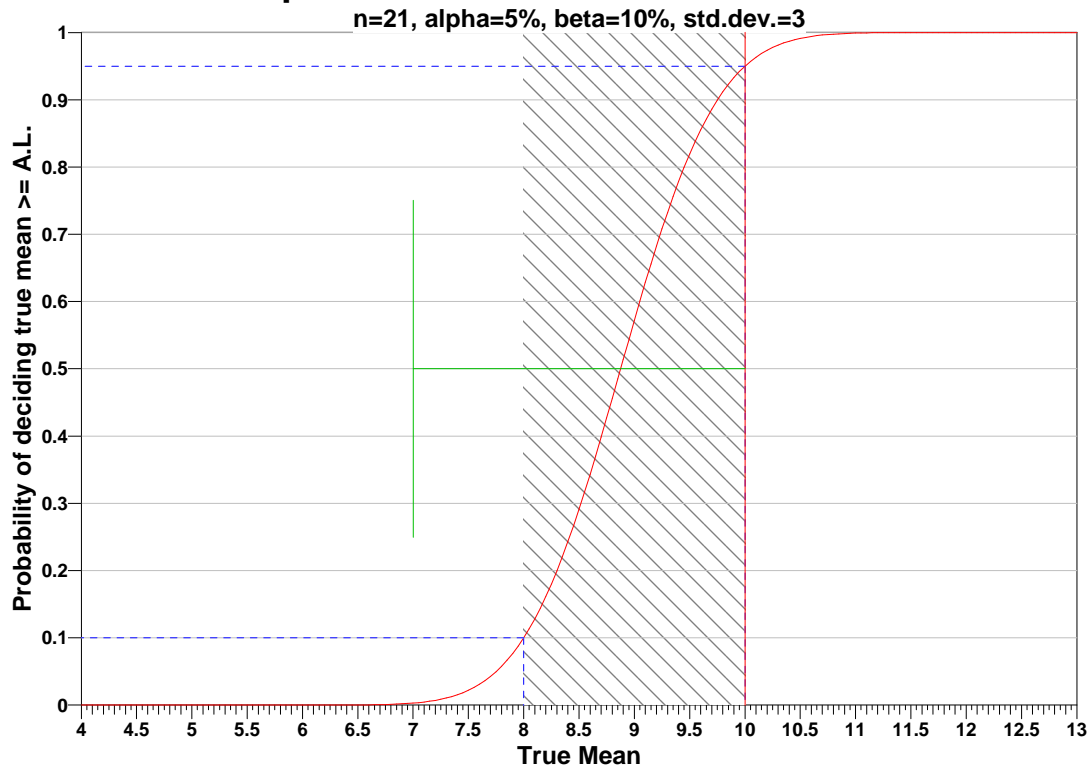
Analyte	n	Parameter					
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1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



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4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

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Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=10		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	391	99	310	78	260	66
	$\beta=10$	310	79	238	60	194	49
	$\beta=15$	261	67	195	50	156	40
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	99	26	78	21	66	17
	$\beta=10$	79	21	60	16	49	13
	$\beta=15$	67	18	50	13	40	11
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	45	13	36	10	30	8

$\beta=10$	36	10	28	8	23	6
$\beta=15$	31	9	23	7	18	5

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0.985	1.1	1.15	1.3	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.4
10	2.4	2.4	2.925	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.7	4.8
20	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.25	5.8	6.1	6.6	6.85	7	7.7
30	7.8	9.1	9.6	10.5	10.5	10.6	12.8	13.2	15.8	16
40	16.2	16.6	17.25	22.3	29.3					

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	45
Min	0
Max	29.3
Range	29.3
Mean	7.3247
Median	5.1
Variance	39.388
StdDev	6.276
Std Error	0.93556
Skewness	1.4901
Interquartile Range	8.1

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
0	1.02	1.24	2.4	5.1	10.5	16.36	20.79	29.3

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	3.469	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 3.469 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	29.3

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8963
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

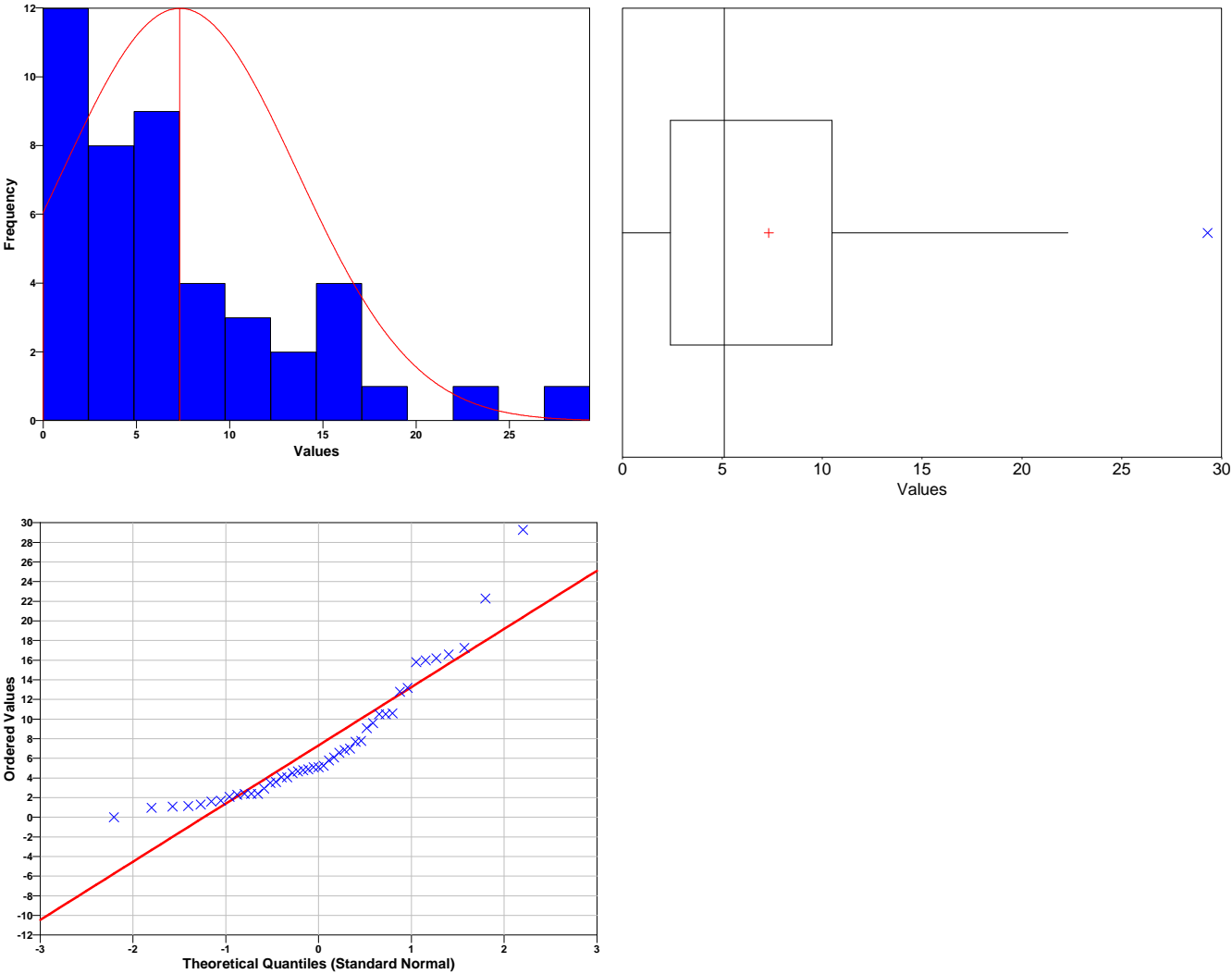
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.8603
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.945

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	8.897
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	11.4

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (11.4) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=45 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (10),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=44 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-2.8596	1.6802	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
33	28	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	2.4	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	4.1	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	2.1	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	4.5	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	10.6	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	4.1	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	5.25	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	5.8	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	4.9	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	6.85	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	9.6	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	2.3	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	1.6	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	2.925	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	3.5	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	6.6	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	12.8	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	16.6	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	17.25	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	16.2	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	4.8	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	29.3	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	9.1	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	10.5	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	13.2	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	16	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	7.8	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	15.8	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	7	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	3.6	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	10.5	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	4.7	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	1.1	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	1.15	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	1.3	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	1.7	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	0.985	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	5.1	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	6.1	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	7.7	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	2.4	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	22.3	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	5.1	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

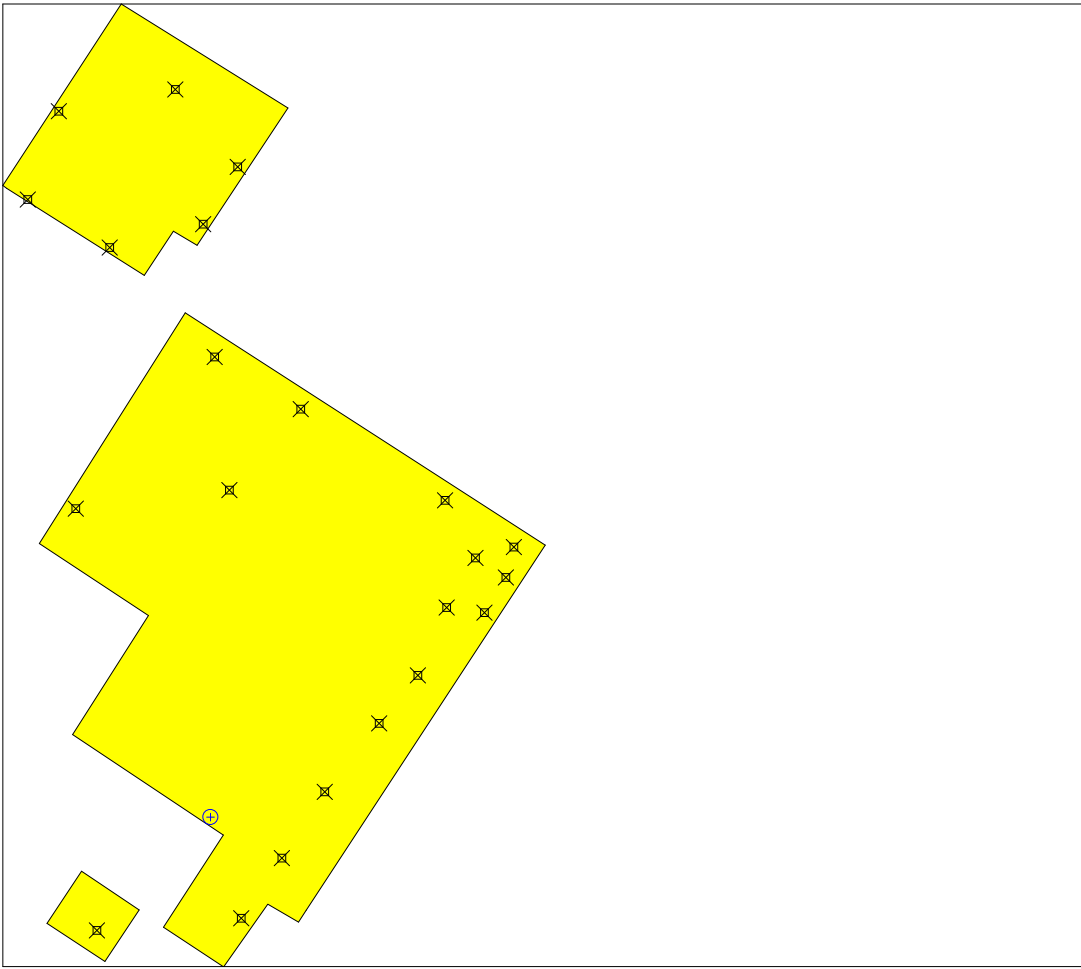
SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	23
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



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X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679242.7260	3083326.5280	TW01-07	16.5	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	TW01-08	15.1	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	TW01-11	14.3	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	TW01-12	13.3	Manual	T

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	20.2	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	56	Manual	T
679149.4920	3082933.0980	TW01-13	15.5	Manual	T
679279.7760	3083075.6320	TW01-14	21.6	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	TW01-17	16.65	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	TW01-18	15.6	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	TW01-27	16.95	Manual	T

679495.8840	3082940.9730	TW01-33	12.8	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	TW01-34	196	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	TW01-35	12.7	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	TW01-36	15.5	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	TW01-37	48.4	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	TW01-38	49.5	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	TW01-39	55.2	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	TW01-40	56.4	Manual	T
679560.6110	3082897.2580	TW01-41	12.3	Manual	T
679275.6424	3082643.6065		0	Random	

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The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} (Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

where

- n is the number of samples,
- S is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
- Δ is the width of the gray region,
- α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
- β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
- $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is $1-\alpha$,
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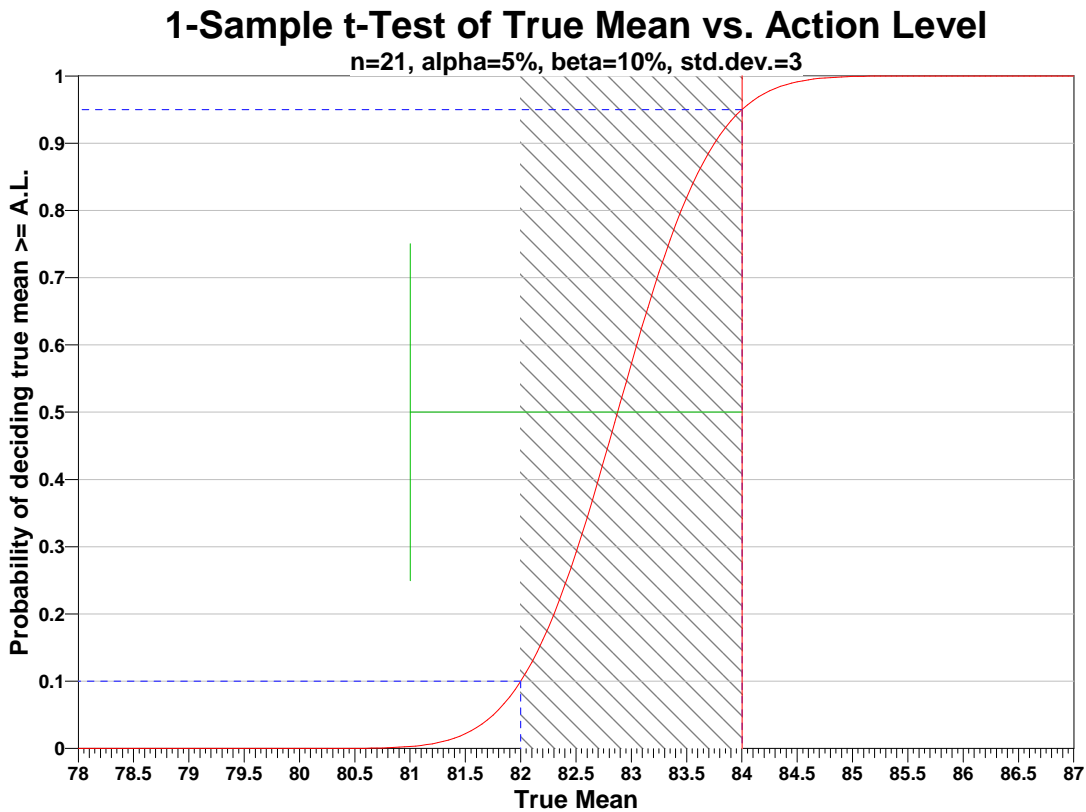
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}^a$	$Z_{1-\beta}^b$
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

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The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at $1-\alpha$ on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at $1-\alpha$. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.



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The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=84		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	7	3	6	2	5	2
	$\beta=10$	6	3	5	2	4	2
	$\beta=15$	6	3	4	2	3	2
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	3	2	2	2	2	1
	$\beta=10$	3	2	2	2	2	1
	$\beta=15$	3	2	2	1	2	1
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	2	2	2	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	2	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	2	1	1	1

s = Standard Deviation
LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

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Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	12.3	12.7	12.8	13.3	14	14.3	15.1	15.5	15.5
10	15.6	16.5	16.65	16.95	20.2	21.5	21.6	48.4	49.5	55.2
20	56	56.4	196							

SUMMARY STATISTICS

n					23				
Min					0				
Max					196				
Range					196				
Mean					31.13				
Median					16.5				
Variance					1566.5				
StdDev					39.579				
Std Error					8.2528				
Skewness					3.57				
Interquartile Range					34.4				
Percentiles									
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%	
0	2.46	12.46	14	16.5	48.4	56.24	168.1	196	

Outlier Test

Dixon's extreme value test was performed to test whether the lowest value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

DIXON'S OUTLIER TEST	
Dixon Test Statistic	0.22679
Dixon 5% Critical Value	0.421

The calculated test statistic does not exceed the critical value, so the test cannot reject the null hypothesis that there are no outliers in the data, and concludes that the minimum value 0 is not an outlier at the 5% significance level.

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Dixon's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5126
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.911

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the minimum value 0, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Dixon's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

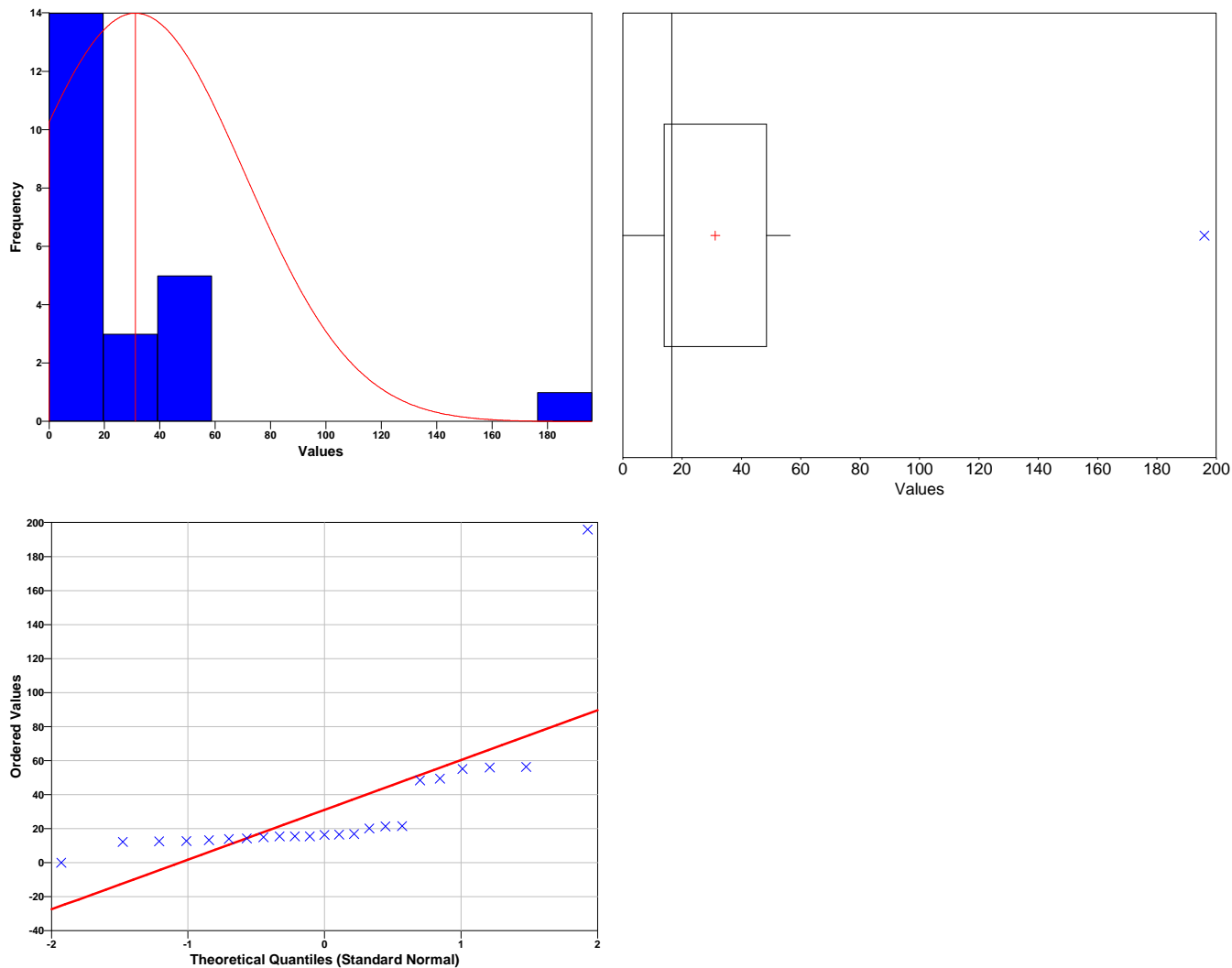
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The

sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5 times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/qa-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution.

The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.5401
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.914

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	45.3
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	67.1

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (67.1) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=23 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (84),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=22 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-6.4063	1.7171	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
22	15	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	20.2	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	56	Manual	
679149.492	3082933.098	TW01-13	15.5	Manual	
679279.776	3083075.632	TW01-14	21.6	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	TW01-17	16.65	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	TW01-18	15.6	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	TW01-27	16.95	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	TW01-33	12.8	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	TW01-34	196	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	TW01-35	12.7	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	TW01-36	15.5	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	TW01-37	48.4	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	TW01-38	49.5	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	TW01-39	55.2	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	TW01-40	56.4	Manual	
679560.611	3082897.258	TW01-41	12.3	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	TW01-01	14	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	TW01-02	21.5	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	TW01-07	16.5	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	TW01-08	15.1	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	TW01-11	14.3	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	TW01-12	13.3	Manual	

Random sampling locations for comparing a mean with a fixed threshold (parametric)

Summary

This report summarizes the sampling design used, associated statistical assumptions, as well as general guidelines for conducting post-sampling data analysis. Sampling plan components presented here include how many sampling locations to choose and where within the sampling area to collect those samples. The type of medium to sample (i.e., soil, groundwater, etc.) and how to analyze the samples (in-situ, fixed laboratory, etc.) are addressed in other sections of the sampling plan.

The following table summarizes the sampling design developed. A figure that shows sampling locations in the field and a table that lists sampling location coordinates are also provided below.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLING DESIGN	
Primary Objective of Design	Compare a site mean to a fixed threshold
Type of Sampling Design	Parametric
Sample Placement (Location) in the Field	Simple random sampling
Working (Null) Hypothesis	The mean value at the site exceeds the threshold
Formula for calculating number of sampling locations	Student's t-test
Calculated total number of samples	21
Number of samples on map ^a	44
Number of selected sample areas ^b	2
Specified sampling area ^c	188054.34 m ²
Total cost of sampling ^d	\$11,500.00

^a This number may differ from the calculated number because of 1) grid edge effects, 2) adding judgment samples, or 3) selecting or unselecting sample areas.

^b The number of selected sample areas is the number of colored areas on the map of the site. These sample areas contain the locations where samples are collected.

^c The sampling area is the total surface area of the selected colored sample areas on the map of the site.

^d Including measurement analyses and fixed overhead costs. See the Cost of Sampling section for an explanation of the costs presented here.



Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.4290	3083306.3130	J-01S	40.7	Manual	T
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679155.0740	3083294.6960	J-03S	11.8	Manual	T
679171.2970	3083289.7960	J-04S	8.7	Manual	T
679225.8560	3083359.9740	J-05S	10.4	Manual	T
679164.8060	3083214.7100	J-06S	3.1	Manual	T
679242.7260	3083326.5280	J-07S	232	Manual	T
679181.2750	3083178.2880	J-08S	80.3	Manual	T
679213.7730	3083224.9730	J-09S	16.6	Manual	T
679280.5440	3083305.6810	J-10S	22.8	Manual	T
679268.7700	3083200.3260	J-11S	25.2	Manual	T
679301.1600	3083254.0340	J-12S	6.1	Manual	T
679181.7603	3083351.9665	J-13S	17.2	Random	

Area: Area 3

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
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679149.4920	3082933.0980	J-13S	17.2	Manual	T
679279.6830	3083075.4290	J-14S	92.6	Manual	T
679261.0980	3083016.3510	J-15S	31.1	Manual	T
679222.6340	3082840.1720	J-16S	129	Manual	T
679293.5600	3082950.4980	J-17S	143	Manual	T
679360.5700	3083026.4980	J-18S	35	Manual	T
679343.5810	3082969.5980	J-19S	26.15	Manual	T
679382.8640	3083009.1130	J-20S	30.2	Manual	T
679335.0020	3082941.1720	J-21S	39.5	Manual	T
679252.7130	3082781.0290	J-22S	40.65	Manual	T
679297.0010	3082840.6970	J-23S	44.1	Manual	T
679394.8070	3082971.8300	J-24S	22.2	Manual	T
679146.6460	3082549.7640	J-25S	59	Manual	T
679224.5850	3082683.1400	J-26S	24.33	Manual	T
679169.0760	3082537.3510	J-27S	29.4	Manual	T
679272.0040	3082652.6750	J-28S	48	Manual	T
679329.4380	3082711.0960	J-29S	19.7	Manual	T
679374.4420	3082791.3300	J-30S	79	Manual	T
679410.1490	3082845.8460	J-31S	26.05	Manual	T
679453.4760	3082914.1150	J-32S	59	Manual	T
679495.8840	3082940.9730	J-33S	11.1	Manual	T
679304.6530	3082548.6880	J-34S	156	Manual	T
679342.7410	3082605.3190	J-35S	20.1	Manual	T
679382.8900	3082667.5270	J-36S	40.2	Manual	T
679433.9450	3082731.6820	J-37S	48.5	Manual	T
679470.3570	3082776.7350	J-38S	29.8	Manual	T
679497.3310	3082840.3960	J-39S	25.9	Manual	T
679524.3310	3082886.8990	J-40S	31.8	Manual	T
679560.6070	3082897.2580	J-41S	85.3	Manual	T
679532.9930	3082835.5820	J-42SD	28.1	Manual	T
679552.9590	3082868.6600	J-43SD	144	Manual	T

Primary Sampling Objective

The primary purpose of sampling at this site is to compare a mean value with a fixed threshold. The working hypothesis (or 'null' hypothesis) is that the mean value at the site is equal to or exceeds the threshold. The alternative hypothesis is that the mean value is less than the threshold. VSP calculates the number of samples required to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis, given a selected sampling approach and inputs to the associated equation.

Selected Sampling Approach

A parametric random sampling approach was used to determine the number of samples and to specify sampling locations. A parametric formula was chosen because the conceptual model and historical information (e.g., historical data from this site or a very similar site) indicate that parametric assumptions are reasonable. These assumptions will be examined in post-sampling data analysis.

Both parametric and non-parametric approaches rely on assumptions about the population. However, non-parametric

approaches typically require fewer assumptions and allow for more uncertainty about the statistical distribution of values at the site. The trade-off is that if the parametric assumptions are valid, the required number of samples is usually less than the number of samples required by non-parametric approaches.

Locating the sample points randomly provides data that are separated by many distances, whereas systematic samples are all equidistant apart. Therefore, random sampling provides more information about the spatial structure of the potential contamination than systematic sampling does. As with systematic sampling, random sampling also provides information regarding the mean value, but there is the possibility that areas of the site will not be represented with the same frequency as if uniform grid sampling were performed.

Number of Total Samples: Calculation Equation and Inputs

The equation used to calculate the number of samples is based on a Student's t-test. For this site, the null hypothesis is rejected in favor of the alternative hypothesis if the sample mean is sufficiently smaller than the threshold. The number of samples to collect is calculated so that 1) there will be a high probability (1-β) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true and 2) a low probability (α) of rejecting the null hypothesis if the null hypothesis is true.

The formula used to calculate the number of samples is:

$$n = \frac{S^2}{\Delta^2} \left(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta} \right)^2 + 0.5 Z_{1-\alpha}^2$$

- where
- n* is the number of samples,
 - S* is the estimated standard deviation of the measured values including analytical error,
 - Δ is the width of the gray region,
 - α is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean is less than the threshold,
 - β is the acceptable probability of incorrectly concluding the site mean exceeds the threshold,
 - $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\alpha}$ is 1-α,
 - $Z_{1-\beta}$ is the value of the standard normal distribution such that the proportion of the distribution less than $Z_{1-\beta}$ is 1-β.

The values of these inputs that result in the calculated number of sampling locations are:

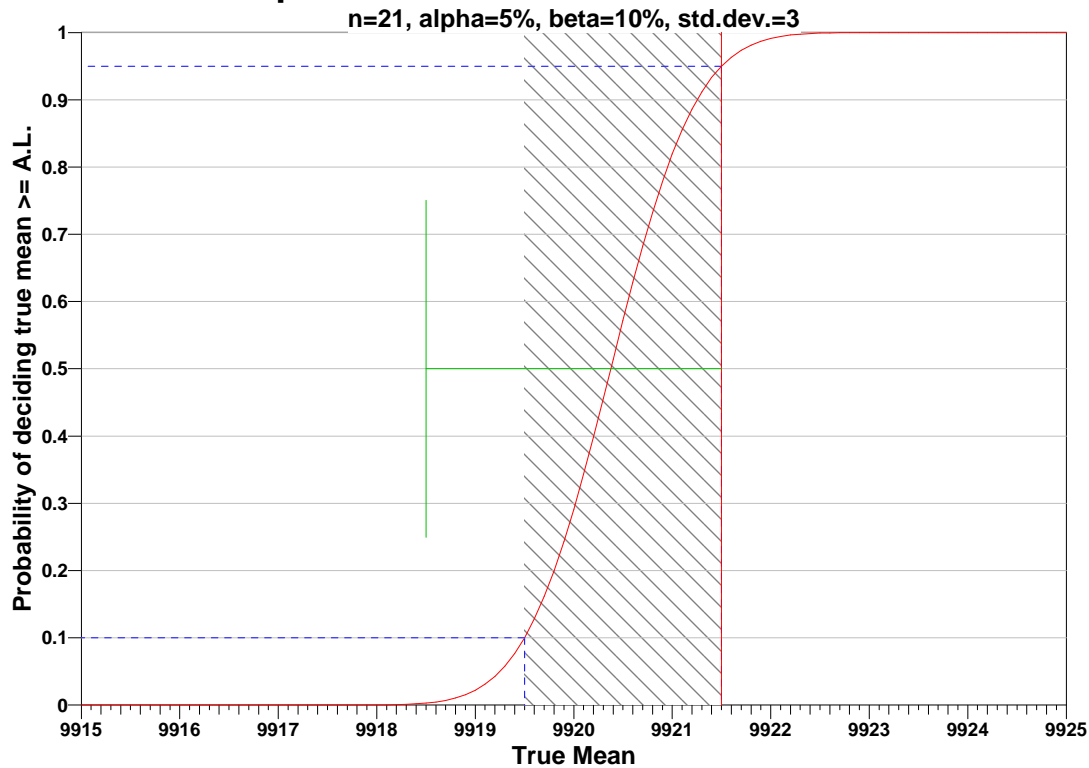
Analyte	n	Parameter					
		S	Δ	α	β	$Z_{1-\alpha}$ ^a	$Z_{1-\beta}$ ^b
	21	3	2	0.05	0.1	1.64485	1.28155

^a This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of α.
^b This value is automatically calculated by VSP based upon the user defined value of β.

The following figure is a performance goal diagram, described in EPA's QA/G-4 guidance (EPA, 2000). It shows the probability of concluding the sample area is dirty on the vertical axis versus a range of possible true mean values for the site on the horizontal axis. This graph contains all of the inputs to the number of samples equation and pictorially represents the calculation.

The red vertical line is shown at the threshold (action limit) on the horizontal axis. The width of the gray shaded area is equal to Δ; the upper horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at 1-α on the vertical axis; the lower horizontal dashed blue line is positioned at β on the vertical axis. The vertical green line is positioned at one standard deviation below the threshold. The shape of the red curve corresponds to the estimates of variability. The calculated number of samples results in the curve that passes through the lower bound of Δ at β and the upper bound of Δ at 1-α. If any of the inputs change, the number of samples that result in the correct curve changes.

1-Sample t-Test of True Mean vs. Action Level



Statistical Assumptions

The assumptions associated with the formulas for computing the number of samples are:

1. the sample mean is normally distributed (this happens if the data are roughly symmetric and the sample size is 30 or more; for skewed data sets, additional samples are required for the sample mean to be normally distributed),
2. the variance estimate, S^2 , is reasonable and representative of the population being sampled,
3. the population values are not spatially or temporally correlated, and
4. the sampling locations will be selected randomly.

The first three assumptions will be assessed in a post data collection analysis. The last assumption is valid because the sample locations were selected using a random process.

Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the calculation of number of samples was explored by varying the standard deviation, lower bound of gray region (% of action level), beta (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level and alpha (%), probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level and examining the resulting changes in the number of samples. The following table shows the results of this analysis.

Number of Samples							
AL=9921.5		$\alpha=5$		$\alpha=10$		$\alpha=15$	
		s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3	s=6	s=3
LBGR=90	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1
LBGR=80	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
	$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1
LBGR=70	$\beta=5$	2	2	1	1	1	1

$\beta=10$	2	2	1	1	1	1
$\beta=15$	2	2	1	1	1	1

s = Standard Deviation
 LBGR = Lower Bound of Gray Region (% of Action Level)
 β = Beta (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu >$ action level
 α = Alpha (%), Probability of mistakenly concluding that $\mu <$ action level
 AL = Action Level (Threshold)

Cost of Sampling

The total cost of the completed sampling program depends on several cost inputs, some of which are fixed, and others that are based on the number of samples collected and measured. Based on the numbers of samples determined above, the estimated total cost of sampling and analysis at this site is \$11,500.00, which averages out to a per sample cost of \$547.62. The following table summarizes the inputs and resulting cost estimates.

COST INFORMATION			
Cost Details	Per Analysis	Per Sample	21 Samples
Field collection costs		\$100.00	\$2,100.00
Analytical costs	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$8,400.00
Sum of Field & Analytical costs		\$500.00	\$10,500.00
Fixed planning and validation costs			\$1,000.00
Total cost			\$11,500.00

Data Analysis

The following data points were entered by the user for analysis.

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	3.1	6.1	8.7	10.4	11.1	11.8	16.6	17.2	17.2	19.7
10	20.1	22.2	22.8	23.6	24.33	25.2	25.9	26.05	26.15	28.1
20	29.4	29.8	30.2	31.1	31.8	35	39.5	40.2	40.65	40.7
30	44.1	48	48.5	59	59	79	80.3	85.3	92.6	129
40	143	144	156	232						

SUMMARY STATISTICS	
n	44
Min	3.1
Max	232
Range	228.9
Mean	48.056
Median	30
Variance	2246.5
StdDev	47.397
Std Error	7.1454
Skewness	2.1279
Interquartile Range	35.75

Percentiles								
1%	5%	10%	25%	50%	75%	90%	95%	99%
3.1	6.75	10.75	20.63	30	56.38	136	153	232

Outlier Test

Rosner's test for multiple outliers was performed to test whether the most extreme value is a statistical outlier. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level.

Data should not be excluded from analysis solely on the basis of the results of this or any other statistical test. If any values are flagged as possible outliers, further investigation is recommended to determine whether there is a plausible explanation that justifies removing or replacing them.

In using Rosner's test to detect up to 1 outlier, a test statistic R_1 is calculated, and compared with a critical value C_1 to test the hypothesis that there is one outlier in the data.

ROSNER'S OUTLIER TEST			
k	Test Statistic R_k	5% Critical Value C_k	Significant?
1	3.881	3.08	Yes

The test statistic 3.881 exceeded the corresponding critical value, therefore that test is significant and we conclude that the most extreme value is an outlier at the 5% significance level.

SUSPECTED OUTLIERS	
1	232

A normal distribution test indicated that the data do not appear to be normally distributed, so further investigation is recommended before using the results of this test. Because Rosner's test can be used only when the data without the suspected outlier are approximately normally distributed, a Shapiro-Wilk test for normality was performed at a 5% significance level.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST (excluding outliers)	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.7802
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.943

The calculated Shapiro-Wilk test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so the test rejects the hypothesis that the data are normal and concludes that the data, excluding the most extreme value, do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. Rosner's test may not be appropriate if the assumption of normally distributed data is not justified for this data set. Examine the Q-Q plot displayed below to further assess the normality of the data.

Data Plots

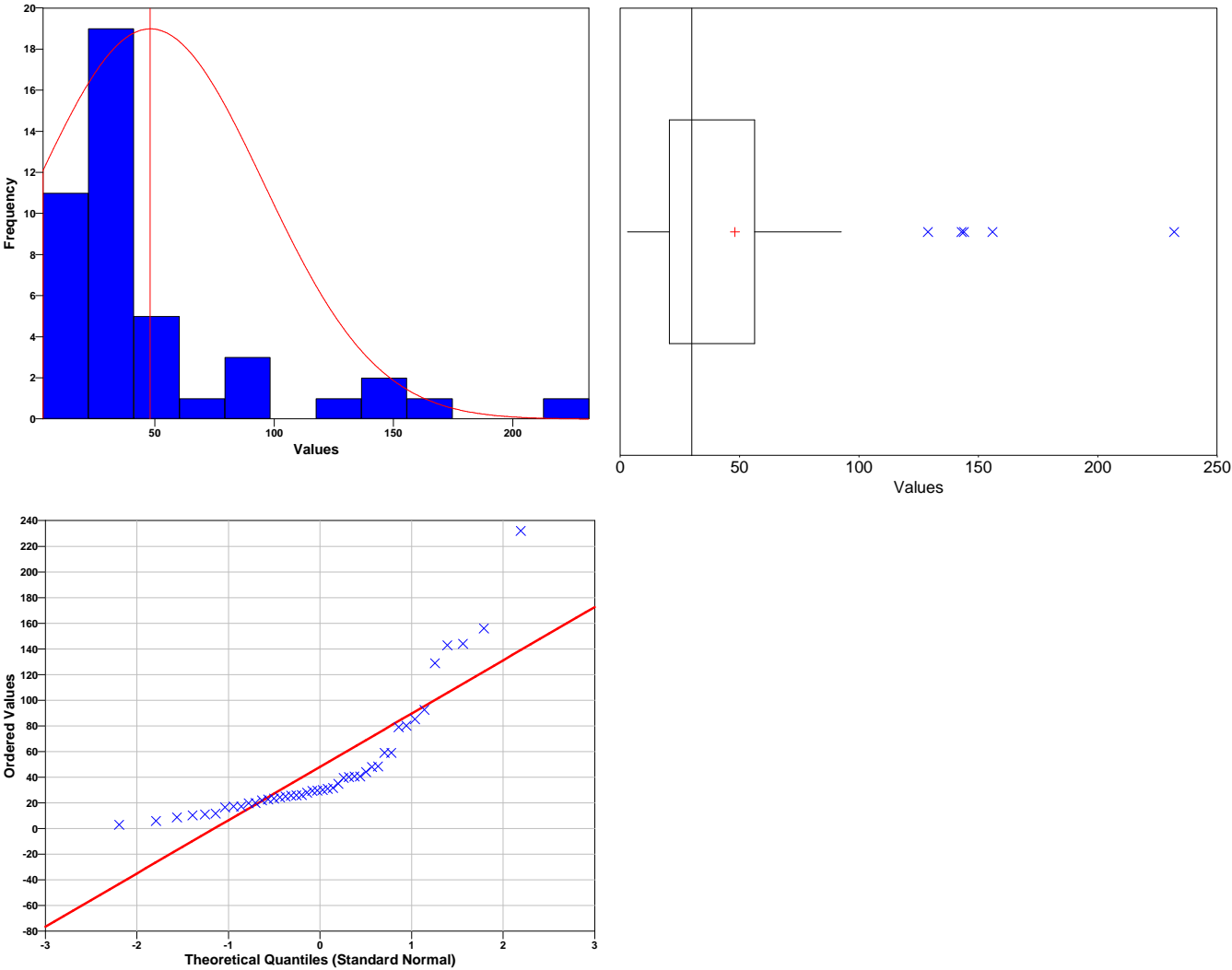
Graphical displays of the data are shown below.

The Histogram is a plot of the fraction of the n observed data that fall within specified data "bins." A histogram is generated by dividing the x axis (range of the observed data values) into "bins" and displaying the number of data in each bin as the height of a bar for the bin. The area of the bar is the fraction of the n data values that lie within the bin. The sum of the fractions for all bins equals one. A histogram is used to assess how the n data are distributed (spread) over their range of values. If the histogram is more or less symmetric and bell shaped, then the data may be normally distributed.

The Box and Whiskers plot is composed of a central box divided by a line, and with two lines extending out from the box, called the "whiskers". The line through the box is drawn at the median of the n data observed. The two ends of the box represent the 25th and 75th percentiles of the n data values, which are also called the lower and upper quartiles, respectively, of the data set. The sample mean (mean of the n data) is shown as a "+" sign. The upper whisker extends to the largest data value that is less than the upper quartile plus 1.5 times the interquartile range (upper quartile minus the lower quartile). The lower whisker extends to the smallest data value that is greater than the lower quartile minus 1.5

times the interquartile range. Extreme data values (greater or smaller than the ends of the whiskers) are plotted individually as blue Xs. A Box and Whiskers plot is used to assess the symmetry of the distribution of the data set. If the distribution is symmetrical, the box is divided into two equal halves by the median, the whiskers will be the same length, and the number of extreme data points will be distributed equally on either end of the plot.

The Q-Q plot graphs the quantiles of a set of n data against the quantiles of a specific distribution. We show here only the Q-Q plot for an assumed normal distribution. The p^{th} quantile of a distribution of data is the data value, x_n , for which a fraction p of the distribution is less than x_n . If the data plotted on the normal distribution Q-Q plot closely follow a straight line, even at the ends of the line, then the data may be assumed to be normally distributed. If the data points deviate substantially from a linear line, then the data are not normally distributed.



For more information on these plots consult Guidance for Data Quality Assessment, EPA QA/G-9, pgs 2.3-1 through 2.3-12. (<http://www.epa.gov/quality/ga-docs.html>).

Tests

A goodness-of-fit test was performed to test whether the data set had been drawn from an underlying normal distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk (SW) test was used to test the null hypothesis that the data are normally distributed. The test was conducted at the 5% significance level, i.e., the probability the test incorrectly rejects the null hypothesis was set at 0.05.

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION TEST	
Shapiro-Wilk Test Statistic	0.7482
Shapiro-Wilk 5% Critical Value	0.944

The calculated SW test statistic is less than the 5% Shapiro-Wilk critical value, so we can reject the hypothesis that the

data are normal, or in other words the data do not appear to follow a normal distribution at the 5% level of significance. The Q-Q plot displayed above should be used to further assess the normality of the data.

Upper Confidence Limit on the True Mean

Two methods were used to compute the upper confidence limit (UCL) on the mean. The first is a parametric method that assumes a normal distribution. The second is the Chebyshev method, which requires no distributional assumption.

UCLs ON THE MEAN	
95% Parametric UCL	60.07
95% Non-Parametric (Chebyshev) UCL	79.2

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed according to the goodness-of-fit test performed above, the non-parametric UCL (79.2) may be a more accurate upper confidence limit on the true mean.

One-Sample t-Test

A one-sample t-test was performed to compare the sample mean to the action level. The null hypothesis used is that the true mean equals or exceeds the action level (AL). The t-test was conducted at the 5% significance level. The sample value t was computed using the following equation:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - AL}{SE}$$

where

\bar{x} is the sample mean of the n=44 data,
 AL is the action level or threshold (9921.5),
 SE is the standard error = (standard deviation) / (square root of n).

This t was then compared with the critical value $t_{0.95}$, where $t_{0.95}$ is the value of the t distribution with n-1=43 degrees of freedom for which the proportion of the distribution to the left of $t_{0.95}$ is 0.95. The null hypothesis will be rejected if $t < -t_{0.95}$.

ONE-SAMPLE t-TEST		
t-statistic	Critical Value $t_{0.95}$	Null Hypothesis
-1381.8	1.6811	Reject

The test rejected the null hypothesis that the mean value at the site exceeds the threshold, therefore conclude the true mean is less than the threshold.

Because the data do not appear to be normally distributed, the MARSSIM Sign Test might be preferred over the One Sample t-Test. The following table represents the results of the MARSSIM Sign Test using the current data:

MARSSIM Sign Test		
Test Statistic (S+)	95% Critical Value	Null Hypothesis
44	27	Reject

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Area: Area 1

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679149.492	3082933.098	J-13S	17.2	Manual	
679279.683	3083075.429	J-14S	92.6	Manual	
679261.098	3083016.351	J-15S	31.1	Manual	
679222.634	3082840.172	J-16S	129	Manual	
679293.56	3082950.498	J-17S	143	Manual	
679360.57	3083026.498	J-18S	35	Manual	
679343.581	3082969.598	J-19S	26.15	Manual	
679382.864	3083009.113	J-20S	30.2	Manual	
679335.002	3082941.172	J-21S	39.5	Manual	
679252.713	3082781.029	J-22S	40.65	Manual	
679297.001	3082840.697	J-23S	44.1	Manual	
679394.807	3082971.83	J-24S	22.2	Manual	
679146.646	3082549.764	J-25S	59	Manual	
679224.585	3082683.14	J-26S	24.33	Manual	
679169.076	3082537.351	J-27S	29.4	Manual	
679272.004	3082652.675	J-28S	48	Manual	
679329.438	3082711.096	J-29S	19.7	Manual	
679374.442	3082791.33	J-30S	79	Manual	
679410.149	3082845.846	J-31S	26.05	Manual	
679453.476	3082914.115	J-32S	59	Manual	
679495.884	3082940.973	J-33S	11.1	Manual	
679304.653	3082548.688	J-34S	156	Manual	
679342.741	3082605.319	J-35S	20.1	Manual	
679382.89	3082667.527	J-36S	40.2	Manual	
679433.945	3082731.682	J-37S	48.5	Manual	
679470.357	3082776.735	J-38S	29.8	Manual	
679497.331	3082840.396	J-39S	25.9	Manual	
679524.331	3082886.899	J-40S	31.8	Manual	
679560.607	3082897.258	J-41S	85.3	Manual	
679532.993	3082835.582	J-42SD	28.1	Manual	
679552.959	3082868.66	J-43SD	144	Manual	

Area: Area 5

X Coord	Y Coord	Label	Value	Type	Historical
679133.429	3083306.313	J-01S	40.7	Manual	
679104.245	3083223.262	J-02S	23.6	Manual	
679155.074	3083294.696	J-03S	11.8	Manual	
679171.297	3083289.796	J-04S	8.7	Manual	
679225.856	3083359.974	J-05S	10.4	Manual	
679164.806	3083214.71	J-06S	3.1	Manual	
679242.726	3083326.528	J-07S	232	Manual	
679181.275	3083178.288	J-08S	80.3	Manual	
679213.773	3083224.973	J-09S	16.6	Manual	
679280.544	3083305.681	J-10S	22.8	Manual	
679268.77	3083200.326	J-11S	25.2	Manual	
679301.16	3083254.034	J-12S	6.1	Manual	